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State, tribal leaders convene in Colo. Capitol

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Leaders of the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian tribes convened with Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia at the governor's mansion on Thursday, March 21 for a Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs quarterly meeting, kicking off two days of government-to-government events in Denver.

Included on the agenda for the week was the signing of state House Bill 13-1198 — An Act Concerning the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs — by Gov. John Hickenlooper, a welcome by Ute royalty in the state House of Representatives, and a closed session with Southern Ute tribal leaders and the governor.

CCIA DISCUSSES ENERGY, HEALTH, FEDERAL FUNDING

Ute Mountain Ute tribal delegates Bradley Height and Juanita Plenty Holes discussed the possibility of pursuing renewable energy development, looking to Southern Ute as an example of successful enterprise.

Making considerations for drought was also a key point given the light snowpack

throughout the region.

Speaking on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian tribe, Council Lady Pathimi Goodtracks said a key focus is health care for tribal members.

"We are moving toward a more tribally centered approach," she said.

Goodtracks also touched on the Animas-La Plata Project, in which the tribe's involvement is ongoing. The question of recreation on Lake Nighthorse remains a topic of much interest, she said.

"We remain active in continuing to develop it," she said.

Regarding tribal youth, Goodtracks congratulated Southern Ute tribal member Michelle Simmons on becoming this year's Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Youth of the Year. Goodtracks also noted the success the club is having with their film, Keep it Sacred, regarding tobacco use.

Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Executive Director Ernest House Jr. opened his remarks with President Obama's recent signing of the Violence Against Woman Act, calling it a landmark case that "strengthens sovereignty and the whole process."



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute leaders and members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs joined state legislators in Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper's office for the signing of HB 13-1198. The signing, which took place on Friday, March 22, coincided with the Denver March Powwow.

House was also recently appointed to the Fort Lewis College board of trustees in Durango.

"Given the mission of Fort Lewis, we are very pleased that [House] he was willing to do it," Garcia said. "He is held in such high regard by the tribes."

Ignacio School District

Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto, a member of the commission, spoke about the proposed Southern Ute Montessori Head Start build-

ing project and the construction planned for the area's public schools.

"We appreciate the Southern Ute Tribe [and] Growth

Fund," Fuschetto said. "That collaboration has been great."

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
General Meeting
Sky Ute Casino Resort • Events Center • April 11, 9 a.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Tribal health

Part 4: Prior to the April 11 general meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, the Drum is featuring stories on tribal health care. In this final segment, we take a look at what tribal members could see in the future.

Tribe, VA working toward agreement on vets' health care

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Health Center has been pursuing an agreement with the U.S. Veterans Administration centers in Albuquerque and

Grand Junction for primary care health services to benefit tribal-member veterans.

The proposed agreement would allow tribal members and other eligible beneficiaries who are veterans to receive care at

the Southern Ute Health Center. Without such an agreement, these veterans have to travel to Durango, Grand Junction or Albuquerque for such services.

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The future of Southern Ute health care

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

The series of recent articles in the Drum about various aspects of the tribe's Health Department shows the number of changes the

department is undergoing to improve health care services for the tribal membership.

In addition to improving services, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has also been considering changes to the health

care benefits provided to tribal members. The Tribal Council has received a number of presentations about various options for providing such benefits,

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Government health services: An overview

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Going to the doctor these days might seem confusing to people when it comes to different types of coverage. There are so many op-

tions for coverage, you might not be sure which ones you're eligible for or which is right for you and your family. Medicaid? Medicare? Type A or B or even D? How does a person qualify for coverage?

Where do you apply?

And the biggest question: What does all this mean? In 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, a law that

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Powwow season begins



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty members pay their respects to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces following a grand entry on Saturday, March 23 that filled the Denver Coliseum as part of the 39th annual Denver March Powwow. Crowds packed the arena despite heavy snowfall throughout the metro region.

For more photos, see pages 14 and 15.



Miss Hozhoni 2012-2013 Sunshine Perry thanks the crowd for a year of support at the 49th annual Hozhoni Days Powwow inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium on Saturday, March 30. Perry now turns the title over to Chanel Johnson, an FLC freshman and member of the Navajo Nation.

For more photos, see page 4.



NEWS IN BRIEF

WOOD YARD ENDING FIREWOOD SEASON

Attention Southern Ute Tribal Membership. The Wood Yard will be ending its season for Fire Wood use. The official last day is April 30, for this season.

AG DIVISION TAKING SPRING PRODUCE ORDERS

We have added 5# & 10# bags of whole-wheat flour to our Spring Produce sale! Some of you have asked about more potatoes, beans and flour, and the Southern Ute Agriculture Division is going to make it happen. We thought it would be a wonderful idea to offer these items again this spring and will hand out order forms at the general meeting on April 11. Be sure to mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we will be taking orders through April 19. We will take orders for pinto and Anasazi beans from Adobe Milling out of Dove Creek; Red Rose, White Rose and Blue Bird flour along with unroasted blue cornmeal out of Cortez Milling; and russet potatoes from Alamosa. Unfortunately, at this time of year the red and gold potatoes are unavailable. Call us at 970-563-0220 or stop by and place your order. For prices, see the flyer below. DNR will have booths set up at the General Meeting on April 11 to answer any questions you might have and the Ag Division will have produce order forms available for your convenience at the General Meeting if you would like to place an order at that time.

MIS CONDUCTING INFO. SESSION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Management Information Systems is conducting an information session for Tribal Members who may be interested in careers working with computers and other information technology for the Tribal Government. The session will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 4:30 P.M. at the Management Information Systems Training Center on the 2nd Floor of the Leonard C. Burch Building in Ignacio. Please call us at 970-563-0128 if you have any questions.

TRIBAL COUNCIL LAUNCHES HEALTH CENTER SURVEY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking tribal-member feedback on the future of the Southern Ute Health Center. The tribe mailed out a survey early in February with nine questions about what tribal members would like to see from their Health Center in the future, including whether the facility should be primarily a health clinic, a wellness center, or a hybrid of both. The survey is also available online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey. For more information, or to obtain the password needed to submit the survey online, call the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-4749 or email mgo-mez@southernute-nsn.gov.

AGRICULTURE LAND MANAGERS

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute In-

dian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

TWO-DAY LANF EKG RANGELAND MONITORING SCHOOL

May 14-15 in Laramie, Wyo. Hands-on training for range managers ready to start a monitoring program that will help direct management decisions, improve animal performance and rangeland conditions. This class is designed for any rancher or conservation manager seeking a rapid, repeatable monitoring program right away. The course begins with an introduction to land monitoring, forage production and grazing management, and spends the majority of time teaching participants the mechanics of setting up transects, using photography and documenting site information. Participants will leave this two-day EKG Blink course with the motivation, knowledge and well-practiced abilities to get their own monitoring program refined and/or up and running! Participants will leave with these materials: 2013 EKG Blink & Site Mechanics Field Guide; Permanent Location Forms; EZ-EKG pocket field cards for quick land assessment; and Six-month trial subscription to EKG DataStore. For more information, contact Land EKG Inc. at 810 Mandeville Lane, Box 1 Suite B, Bozeman, MT 59715. Call 406-582-7480, email office@landekg.com or visit www.landekg.com.

Day 1: Getting started. Redefining agriculture, tracking precipitation, grazing records, cages, and recovery pens, soil surveys, EKG grazing index, calculating forage production, beginning transect and photo point set-up. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Day 2: Getting practiced. Transects, transects and more transects! Record keeping, repeat photography, management direction and EKG DataStore. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

MANY MOONS AGO



courtesy SunUte Community Center/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Those making the SunUte Recreation Division spring break trip to Phoenix paused for a group picture during their visit to the Heard Museum. Travelers included (standing, left to right) Debbie Lucero, Christopher Otole, Heather Valenski, Jalisa Paul, Mataya Weston, Antonette Baker, Dale Santistevan, Sarah Alires, Kaylee Cuthair, Christopher Lewis, Dewayne Richards, Ray Cundiff, Brandon Lucero, (kneeling) Cody Baker, Michelle Talk, Kimberly Santistevan and Shiri Howell.

This photo first appeared in the April 4, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



D. Millich/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Royalty members attend the Denver March Powwow the weekend of March 19-21, 1993.

This photo first appeared in the April 2, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Denver March Powwow winners (left to right) Williamette "Pebbles" Thompson, Miss Denver March Powwow Princess and first runner up to Miss Indian Colorado; Ronaldlyn Tiznado, Jr. Miss Indian Colorado winner; and Theresa Harlan, Jr. Miss Denver March Powwow.

This photo first appeared in the April 8, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Southern Ute families... Uma Nu Apaghapi Ustii?

Would you and your family like to learn to speak Ute?

An introductory class on the Ute language will be held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (downstairs classroom) on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. This is an introductory class geared to children and adults who wish to learn the Ute language. We encourage you to come and join us in this first session and become acquainted with an important element of our culture, our language.

If you have any questions, please call the Culture Department at 970-563-0100. We will get to visit with one another and enjoy a meal at the same time.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER

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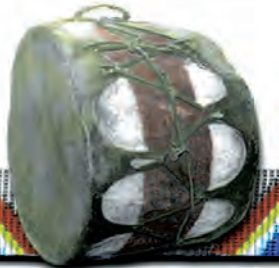
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10# -- \$4.00

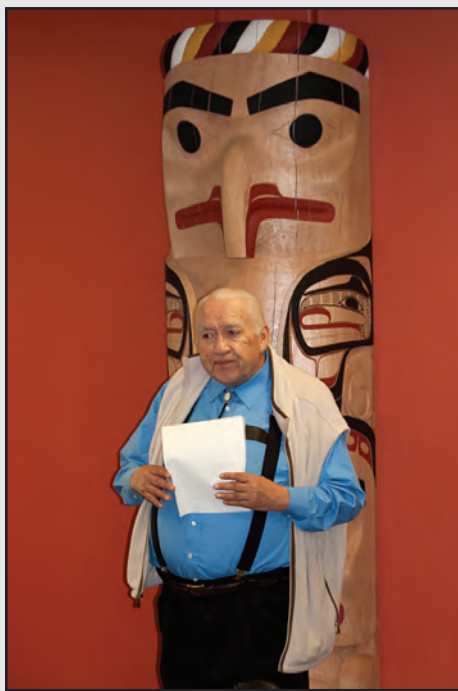


FLC honors elders



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Fort Lewis College students and facility members came together Thursday, March 21 for the second annual Elders Day. Smiling for a photo are (left to right) elder Lizabeth Kent, Miss Hozhoni 2012-13 Sunshine Perry and tribal member Linda Baker.



The event was hosted by All Peoples Lodge,” a club in the John and Sophie Ottens Foundation Native American Center at Fort Lewis College. Lizabeth Kent called it “a great honor” to be acknowledged.

Larry Tucker talks about his journey to becoming an elder.

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̃ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

28. Numerals, ordinals and quatifiers

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

28.1. NUMERALS

A traditional small society had little practical use for a large set of **numerals**. We will therefore deal here only with the basic set of Ute numerals, from one to 10. Like nouns and adjectives, numerals in Ute mark the difference between **subject** and **object** forms. For nouns and adjectives, as we noted earlier, this distinction is marked most commonly by a **silent final vowel** in the subject form vs. a **fully-pronounced final vowel** in the object form. In Ute numerals, however, this distinction is marked by special forms: the suffix **-ini** (or **-yis**) for subjects vs. the suffix **-ku** (or **-kunani**) for objects. The table of numerals from one to 10 is given in (1) below:

| (1) # | subject | object | notes |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | súu-yis / sú-wiini | súu-ku-s / sú-kunani | |
| 2 | wá-ini | way-ku | |
| 3 | pa-ini | pay-ku | |
| 4 | wh̥chuwi-ini | wh̥chuwi-ku | |
| 5 | ma-nugi-ini | ma-nugi-ku | ma- ‘hand’ |
| 6 | navay-ini | navay-ku | navay- ‘half’ |
| 7 | navay-kyá-vay-ini | navay-kyá-vay-ku | |
| 8 | wá-wh̥chu-wiini | wá-wh̥chuwi-ku | ‘two four’ |
| 9 | suwa-rogho-má-sú-wiini | suwa-rogho-má-súwi-ku | ‘almost other hand’ |
| 10 | togho-má-sú-wiini | togho-má-súwi-ku | ‘complete other hand’ |

The use of these forms in short simple clauses is shown in:

- (2) a. **Subject:** súu-yis wichichi ya'ay-kyá
 one-S bird/S die-ANT
 ‘one bird died’
- b. **Object:** súu-kus wichichi p̃nikya-qhá
 one-O bird/O see-ANT
 ‘(s/he) saw one bird’
- c. **Subject:** wáy-ini wichichi-u ya'ay-kyá
 two-S bird-PL die-ANT
 ‘two birds died’
- d. **Object:** wáy- ku(nani) wichichi-u p̃nikya-qhá
 two-O bird-PL see-ANT
 ‘(s/he) saw two birds’

Much like with adjectives, the short stem of the numeral word can be attached directly as a prefix to the noun it modifies. Such ‘incorporation’ can be seen in the following example, taken from a traditional Ute story:

- (3) a. ...kh-'ura wáa-mamachi-u 'um̃ 'ura-puga...
 then-be two-woman-PL those/S be-REM
 ‘...then there were those **two** women there...’

28.2. ORDINALS

Unlike modern industrial cultures where a large series of ordinals can be constructed from the equally-large set of numerals, Ute has made do with, mostly, two common ordinals, based upon the stems ‘precede’ and ‘follow’, as in:

- (5) a. **namu-mamachi**
 precede-woman/S
 ‘the first woman’
- b. **pina-mamachi**
 follow-woman/S
 ‘the second (or following, or last) woman’

Some other ordinals can be derived, at least in principle, from the object form of the corresponding numeral, as in:

| (6) # | subject form | object form | |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2nd | wáy-ku-paa-tu-ni | wáy-ku-paa-tu | ‘the second’ |
| 3rd | páy-ku-paa-tu-ni | wáy-ku-paa-tu | ‘the third’ |
| 4th | wh̥chuwi-ku-paa-tu-ni | wh̥chuwi-ku-paa-tu | ‘the fourth’ |
| 5th | ma-nugi-ku-paa-tu-ni | ma-nugi-ku-paa-tu | ‘the fifth’ |

In the next column we will describe Ute quantifiers.

'm̃us. Togho-y-agh

CULTURAL UPDATE

ELDER'S LUNCHEON

Elder's luncheon will be April 19 from Noon to 2 p.m. Menu: Fried potatoes, hamburger gravy, posole, sopapillas, mandarin orange Jell-O and a movie, TBD.

SEEKING BEAR DANCE FEAST VOLUNTEERS

The Culture Department is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Bear Dance Feast, which will be held Monday May 27. Need: Fry bread makers; stew cook and servers. Please contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator if you are interested at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

CULTURAL DEPT. SPRING EVENTS

The following are spring events hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Department (at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum unless otherwise noted). Meals or snacks and beverages are provided at each class. Call 970-563-0100 ext. 3620 to sign up; classes fill fast.

April

10, 17, 24: Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.

4: A Night of Round Dance. 5:30-9 p.m.; multipurpose room.

7, 14, 21: Children & Families Ute Class with Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.

9, 11: Vest-making Class with Jennifer GoodTracks. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom. Limit 10. Must know how to sew.

19: Elders Lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Movie TBA.

19: Growler Class with Hanley Frost. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; craft room. Limit 10.

May

1, 8, 15: Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.

2, 9: Shawl Making. 5:30-8:30 p.m.; small classroom. Limit eight.

5, 12: Children & Families Ute Class with Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.

7, 14, 16: Roach-making Class. 5:30-8 p.m.; craft room. Limit eight.

10: Elders Lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Movie TBA.

24: Ute Nation Day & Bear Dance Kickoff Lunch. Bear Dance Grounds.

24, 25: Bear Dance Powwow. Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

24-27: Southern Ute Bear Dance. Bear Dance Grounds. Chief Matthew Box.

Additionally, join us every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to work on craft projects. Space will be provided in the small classroom. Please bring your supplies to work on your projects. Coming in April: A garden project led by Marge Borst.

CLOTHING PATTERNS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in making a ribbon shirt, jingle dress or pair of moccasins for the fast-approaching powwow season and upcoming Bear Dance? The Cultural Department has recently purchased patterns to make men's plains ribbon shirts; breechclout and leggings; plains-style moccasins (adult and children); women's tradecloth, regular cloth dress and jingle dresses; child's ribbon shirts; and jingle dresses. Interested tribal members are encouraged to contact Marge Barry at the Cultural Department at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306, or email mbarry@southernute-nsn.gov to make arrangements to obtain the pattern of your choice.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum is looking for six contemporary and traditional Native American artists from the Four Corners region to participate in the Art Leadership Program. This is a grant project in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution. Selected artists will work with the SUCCM staff and conduct research at local museums, present art talks, receive professional management training, and lead a youth public art project. Requirements- Native artists well qualified to research Native objects in museum and other collections, document their work, and network at the local institutional level. Application deadline is March 30. Contact Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-0100 ext. 3607 (nstrongelk@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information and application.

SEEKING RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving “participatory action research.” The committee will meet at the beginning and the end of the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

D'Wolf launches Ute software

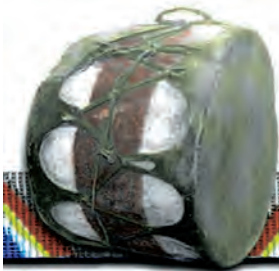


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Lynda Grove-D'Wolf gives a formal presentation of her new Ute language software in the Leonard C. Burch Building on Monday, March 18. The program, titled Kavia Naccie Nu-u-apa ga-pi (“The Mountain Utes Language”), is the first of a five-CD set which will teach a basic vocabulary of Ute words and phrases leading into sentence structure in later installments. Created in conjunction with local software designers, the program uses voice tracks to help familiarize listeners with Ute words and their pronunciation. “[I am] passionate about saving the language,” D'Wolf said. Each disc will sell for \$125. Call D'Wolf at 970-769-3395 for more information.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please send your letter of intent to the following address:
SCSYAC, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137



Powwow

wHchuwiini (4)

April 5, 2013



Outgoing Miss Hozhoni Sunshine Perry leads a final procession around the Whalen Gymnasium before turning over the title to Chanetel Johnson, a freshman and member of the Navajo Nation. Perry also gave Fort Lewis College President Dene Kay Thomas (left) a blanket.



Newly crowned Miss Hozhoni 2013-14 Chanetel Johnson, a freshman at Fort Lewis College and member of the Navajo Nation, greets the crowd for the first time.



Singing and the pounding of drums filled Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium.



Southern Ute Veterans Association members Ross Denny, Damon White Thunder and Rudley Weaver lead a grand entry on Saturday, March 30.



Outgoing Miss Hozhoni Sunshine Perry, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribe, thanks Southern Ute tribal member Sheila Nanaeto for her support. Perry also gave Nanaeto a blanket.

Photos by Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

49th Hozhoni Days fills Whalen Gym with beauty

A crowd of Southern Ute tribal members were among the hundreds packed into the Whalen Gymnasium at Fort Lewis College March 29-30 for the 49th annual Hozhoni Days Powwow. Tribal members were seen dancing, drumming and selling handmade crafts. Fort Lewis freshman Chanetel Johnson was crowned Miss Hozhoni 2013-14, taking over for Sunshine Perry, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.



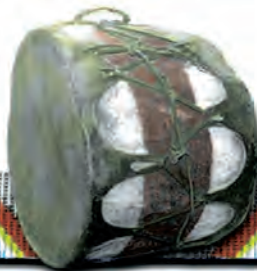
A young dancer put her best foot forward on the arena floor.



Linda Baker, a Southern Ute tribal member who was selling beadwork at the powwow, makes an adjustment to daughter Sage Rohde's regalia.



Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Tauri Raines represented the Southern Ute Tribe well in full regalia.



KIDNEY CORNER

What causes kidney disease?

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES

In the last issue of the Kidney Corner, we discussed the stages of chronic kidney disease. To recap, CKD is graded from Stage 1 (the least severe) to Stage 5 (the most severe level, frequently requiring dialysis).

What are the underlying illnesses or conditions that can cause this type of decrease in kidney function?

The most common cause of kidney disease is diabetes (also called diabetes mellitus). There are two forms of diabetes mellitus: Type 1, which is due to a deficiency in insulin production by the pancreas; this form is relatively rare in Native American patients, and Type 2, which is more common, tends to begin later in life and is associated with being overweight in many, but not all, patients.

Type 2 diabetes results from a decreased ability of cells to respond to insulin, rather than an absolute deficiency of this hormone. The resulting high glucose levels cause damage to various organs including the filtering cells of the kidneys, resulting in damage to the filtering membrane of the kidneys.

This causes loss of protein in the urine and subsequently scarring of the microscopic filters, gradually reducing the ability of the kidneys to



excrete toxins from the body. About 40 percent of patients with end-stage renal disease on dialysis have diabetes, and the prevalence of diabetes appears to be increasing in the American population.

It is important that we find ways to stem this epidemic of diabetes by improving our lifestyles: increasing our level of activity and avoiding being overweight by restricting calories (when appropriate).

The second most common cause of CKD is hypertension, or high blood pressure. Careful attention to the treatment of this “silent killer” can help prevent the onset and progression of CKD, as well as avoiding other health complications such as heart attacks and strokes.

Again, treatment involves attention to lifestyle (avoiding salt, exercise, avoiding excess weight gain), and often medications. If you have high blood pressure, don’t be tempted to ignore it!

Inflammation of the kidney, called glomerulonephritis, is a

less common but potentially treatable cause of kidney failure. Some forms of GN, most notably a form called IgA nephropathy, are more common in Native American patients. Like other causes of CKD, GN can also be “silent,” but it is sometimes detected by the presence of associated high blood pressure, swollen ankles, or protein in the urine detected by lab tests.

Other causes of chronic kidney disease include various medications — including some over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medicines — infections, obstruction of urine due to prostate enlargement, and some less common hereditary conditions. We will continue to discuss each of these periodically in the Kidney Corner.

With all these risks to the kidneys, how can you tell whether you have a problem that could progress to severe kidney failure? Simple screening tests can usually detect CKD fairly easily. For most people, this screening would include a blood pressure check, a blood test for creatinine, which is easily performed in all medical laboratories, and a urine test for protein.

I would recommended that you have these three tests performed if you have known diabetes, hypertension, a family history of CKD, or if you have any other known medical condition which increases your risk for CKD. I wish you good health!

Diabetes & Health Education
Winter to Spring Series



12 – 1 at Southern Ute
Multi-Purpose Facility
(Conference Room)

Thursdays @ 12-1
March 7 - April 25

Classes are Free & Family
Members are Welcome

You may attend any or all of the
classes – no need to enroll...
just show up!

Refreshments will be served

*Participants who attend 5 out of
the 8 sessions will receive a free gift
after series completed



(topics may be subject to change based on attendee requests & staffing)

Shining Mountain Diabetes Program
& Southern Ute Health Center

Activate your Health & Wellness

Please join us for an 8-week series on topics related
to health, diabetes, pre-diabetes, and prevention!
We will have a variety of health professionals to share
information & answer questions.

April 11, 2013:
Medications & Insulin...Part II

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Stress, Depression, & Mental Health

April 25, 2013:
Physical Activity...
Moving to Stay Healthy

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SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Foster Care/Kinship Home Recruitment, Training and Licensing

The Southern Ute Social Services Division is seeking Foster Care/Kinship families within the Southern Ute Tribe and other Native American families who are interested providing a home for a youth that is in need of placement.

A foster care parent is not a lifetime commitment to a child, but a commitment to be meaningful to a child’s life. Be the one to make a difference in a child’s life by providing a positive environment and safe place for our Tribal children when they are faced with life challenges.

Being a foster family means helping families overcome their challenges and move toward reunification for family.

Remember our children are our future generation, if we as foster parents can support children and their families we have made a difference in their lives.

Southern Ute Indian Division of Social Services

116 Capote Drive

Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Contact: Kathryn Jacket, Foster Care Coordinator at

970-563-0209 ext. 2328

HEALTH UPDATE

PREVENT COLON CANCER

All Native Americans are two times more likely to be diagnosed with late stage Colon rectal cancer than early stage Colon rectal cancer. Finding and removing polyps before they progress to cancer can prevent Colon cancer. The American Cancer Society suggest adults, age 50 or older get one of these tests: A fecal occult blood test (FOBT- a stool test) every year, or Colonoscopy every 10 years. Call the Southern Ute Health Center to discuss what screening test is best for you. Funding programs available: Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance companies pay for colon cancer screening. You may be able to have a free colon test through the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program. Please contact Susan Turner, at the Southern Ute Health Center 970-563-4581

ext. 2363 to see if you qualify! Appointments for Colonoscopy will be at Digestive Health Center in Durango, Colo.

HOST A MAMMOGRAM PARTY

All Tribal and or Native American women are eligible to participate. Medical insurance is required at the time of your appointments. Invite two friends and I will schedule a mammogram appointment at Mercy Hospital for your party - women 50 and above, or if recommended by your provider for an earlier screening. Health Services will provide transportation and lunch - Digs Restaurant in the Three Springs area. For more information call Gloria Casias-Mounts, Community Health Representative Health Service Division at 970-563-0154 ext. 2347.



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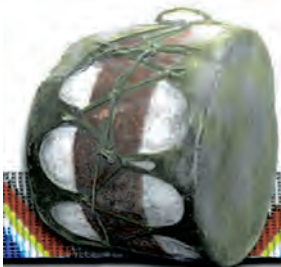
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Ignacio High School students shared their school spirit on Thursday, March 28 during the school's awards assembly and honor roll call.

IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Third-quarter honor roll

Cats make the grade

SENIORS

- 4.0 Mary Kate Adams, Kayla Knipp, Barbie Lujan, David Storey, Tristany Valencia, Mariah Vigil
- 3.6 Jessica Kirsch
- 3.5 Jordan Cuthair, Austin Haire, William Taylor
- 3.4 Breana Talamante-Benavidez
- 3.2 Tracy Bean, Isaiah Valdez, Celsa Velasquez
- 3.0 Seth Richards, Sha Ray Rock, Alexxandria Troup, Courtney Valdez, Nicole Williams

JUNIORS

- 4.0 David Baca, Jeannie Grossardt, Christian Knoll, Shannon Mestas, Kelton Richmond, Jayce Stricherz
- 3.8 Blaine Ward
- 3.7 Malli Benavidez, Gabriela Garcia, Cloe Seibel, Roshae Weaver
- 3.5 Justin Ballew, Jacob Candelaria, Clayton Jefferson, Dylan Pearson, Raelynn Torres, Dallas Ulrich
- 3.2 Cheyenne Cook, John House, Patricia Leroy, Fabian Martinez, Patazikivaa Perry, Rebecca Ward
- 3.0 Justin Carver, Stais Harlan, De Ja Herrera

SOPHOMORES

- 4.0 James Ballew, Vuong (Bill) Nguyen, Tyler Riepel
- 3.7 David Cooper, Dynesha Drake, Adison Jones, July Stricherz, Cheyenne Zito
- 3.5 Mitch Abendroth, Alex Lopez, Blaine Mickey, Alicia Naranjo, Miguel Perez
- 3.2 Sarah Sitton, Ziyu Wang
- 3.0 Tanisha Coyote, Samantha Parsons, Iaasic Pena

FRESHMAN

- 4.0 Cassandra Brown, Austin McCaw, Chrystianne Valdez
- 3.8 Wyatt Hayes, Charles Rohde
- 3.6 Grace Lister, Merri Maddox
- 3.5 Wyatt Mickas, Tucker Ward
- 3.3 Caleb Adams, Jerica Jackson, Chasity James, Antonia Mejia
- 3.2 Alexandra Gearhart, Ruth Hessler, Shayna Johnson, Lillianna Romero, Anthony Suina
- 3.1 Adelle Hight, Rebekah Powell
- 3.0 Miel Diaz, Ellie Seibel, Javen Webb

STUDENT/TEACHER OF THE QUARTER

Seniors: Mariah Vigil and Andy Guire
Juniors: Cheyenne Cook and Kelton Richmond
Sophomores: Dynesha Drake and Ziyu Wang
Freshmen: Ruth Hessler and Charles Rohde
Teacher of the Quarter: Tony Kimball

IJHS unwinds after studying



photos courtesy Ignacio Junior High School

These photos are proof that teachers will do anything to encourage their students to do well on TCAP testing. A few Ignacio Junior High School staff put a "GoaTeeCAP" challenge before the student body: If the school had a high percentage of students working hard on their state tests this week, the students could cut and dye the staffers' hair and goatees.



Not only did the students step up to the plate — there were 11 teachers, a counselor and a principal that also stepped up to get their hair dyed.



Wild styles ruled the day at Ignacio Junior High School.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it... is to attend MacGyverology Camp at the Durango Discovery Museum.

June 17-21, (Monday – Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Southern Ute students, ages 8 to 11 years old

Making something out of nothing...that is what this camp is about! Come use simple household materials to rig booby traps, escape from small spaces, and send messages— useful skills for future FBI and CIA agents, police officers, and fire chiefs! Students will also learn the secret value of recycling and reusing materials, as well as the advantages of working with a team to accomplish a goal. Students will be transported to and from the Durango Discovery Museum from the Education Dept. Students will be at the Education Center at 8:15 a.m. and will return by 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 17-21. Students must have parent/guardian permission forms filled out and returned to Ms. Dorian Romero by 5 p.m. on May 3. There are ONLY seven (7) open spots! To ensure a spot for this camp, please pick up permission forms from the Education Department, fill them out, and return to Ms. Romero as soon as possible!

Questions? Please contact Ms. Romero at 970-563-0327, ext. 2795.
This message will self-destruct on May 3.



NASA Space Camp

At the Durango Discovery Museum

Become an astronaut with us for a week! July 15-19 will be a week of fun, learning the basics about NASA. You will simulate lunar and Mars landings by applying creativity and basic physics and geometry skills to various household materials. You will also learn about the human body in space: what do astronauts eat? How does being in space for any length of time affect their muscular and skeletal systems?

Southern Ute students ages 11 to 15 years old.

July 15-19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Students will need to meet at the Education Department by 8:15 a.m. to be transported to the Durango Discovery Museum, and will be returned to the Education Department by 3:45 p.m.

ACT NOW! There are only 7 spaces available! Have your parent/guardian pick up forms from the Education Department, sign, and return the permission forms to Mrs. Julie Stone or Ms. Dorian Romero at your school or the Education Department by 5 p.m. on May 3. If you have questions, you can reach Mrs. Stone or Ms. Romero at 970-563-0327, ext. 2795.

CAREER FAIR



Talk to Business and College Representatives



Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Education 12th Annual Career Fair

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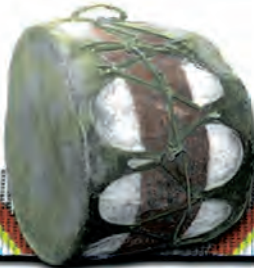
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THURSDAY APRIL 18
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For more information call Renee Sage
Or Walter Howe @ 970-563-0237





Racing at Family Night



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Family Night at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start was a popular place to be on Wednesday, March 20. Families came out to show support for the kids' derby race, which featured cars built out of boxes, colorful construction paper, and lots of colored decorations.

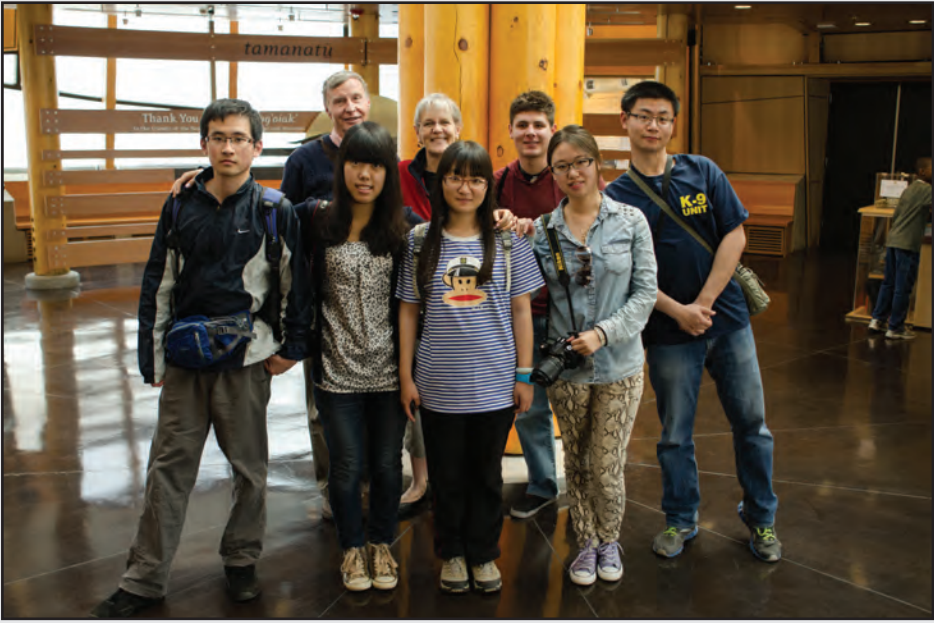
Learning to eat healthy



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students learned about healthy eating habits over a few weeks in a course presented by the La Plata Family Centers Coalition. Pam Willhoite, known to students as the "Food Lady," awarded students for their participation.

From Asia to Ignacio



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The University of Colorado-Denver brought students from the International College of Beijing to visit the Southern Ute Indian Reservation during spring break as part of a volunteer and education course. Students offered a helping hand at the Ignacio Senior Center, the Ignacio Elementary School, and the Southern Ute Education Department.

On Thursday, March 28, students visited the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, where the Culture Department gave them a hands-on workshop on beading their own Ute chokers. Ellen Baker of the Education Department led the visit. Students also paid a visit to Southern Ute Tribal Council later in the day to introduce themselves and learn about the governmental workings of the tribe.



NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. **Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 17 and shall state the basis for the nomination.** For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

IGNACIO SCHOOLS EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 7 – 9 P.M.
Relay For Life hosting family dance
Ignacio Schools Relay for Life Team will be hosting their 5th annual Family Dance. Everyone is invited to come dance with D.J. Oscar Cosio from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ignacio Elementary Gym. As in the past few years there will be a bake sale and you will have the chance to design a luminaria for any of your loved ones who have battled cancer. The luminarias will be displayed at the Relay for Life event on June 28. We will also have a door prize drawing donation for some one-of-a-kind Bobcat Collectibles. Please plan to attend and

bring the family. You may contact Deb Otten at 970-563-0661 if you have any questions or would like to help with this wonderful event.

SATURDAY, MAY 30
Explorers Club to host huge yard sale
Ignacio Elementary Explorers Club will be hosting a huge yard sale in their parking lot. You can rent space for \$15 all the profits you receive from your sales are yours. Start cleaning out your closets, sheds, basements, and storage units. If you would like to reserve a space call Deb Otten at 970-563-0675 ext. 345.

EDUCATION UPDATE

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Department Building. Open to parents and legal guardians of K-12 Native American students in the Ignacio and Bayfield school districts. For more information, call Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793.

ROASTED CHICKEN CLASS

The cooking class will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Higher Education building on April 20. Buying roasted chicken in the store can be boring, but can be made into delicious family meals. We will make enchiladas and chicken salad with summertime homemade lemonade.

SCRAPBOOKING CLASS

The Scrapbooking Class will start at 12:30 pm students will learn to use scrapbooking equipment for cards. They will also learn a fun craft technique to make Mother's Day cards or other cards in scrapbooks, or photo albums. Class will be Saturday, April 20 at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 to sign for the class or if you have any questions.

DOROTHY GORE SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE

The Dorothy Gore Scholarship sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter CS is available to any La Plata County graduating senior girl who has shown academic promise, leadership potential, serves her community and has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. This \$1,000 scholarship honors Dorothy Gore, a retired longtime Durango teacher. All applicants to an academic college are considered although priority is given to

applicants to Cottey College, a two-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri, owned by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Information about Cottey is found online at Cottey College. Applications for the scholarship are available at high school counseling offices. The application deadline is Friday, March 8.

HIGHER ED. SCHOLARSHIPS

Southern Ute tribal high school seniors and returning students: Deadline is July 1. Only completed applications will be considered. If you need assistance or have questions in completing an application, contact the Education Department at 970-563-0237 or 330 Burns Ave. in Ignacio.

SIX MONTHS EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM, TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

SOUTHERN UTE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

JOIN US AT CROW CANYON

ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE STUDENTS AGES 13-18

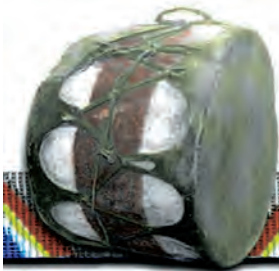
Save the Dates!

June 9th-14th

This year the leadership program will be going to Crow Canyon to enjoy a custom camp created by the education team. The students will study Native American culture by participating in various workshops and activities including an actual archeological dig. Go hiking, rafting, and visit local historical sites as we study the past to look toward our future. We have 15 openings so reserve your spot today. Student/parent meeting will be held April 24th @ 5:30 at the Southern Ute Department of Education.

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

After forcing out Bloomfield, N.M., JV runner Humberto Miramontes (17) at second, Ignacio shortstop Iaasic Pena looks to finish a double play with a throw to first on March 28.

IHS BASEBALL

Bobcats .400 hitting break

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Despite his almost-hop over the pitch, the ball hitting Tucker Ward’s cleat looked like a case of near-injury on top of the 3A Bloomfield JV’s preceding insult — a seven-run sixth off his arm in relief of older brother and IHS starter Bo, helping the hosts suddenly snatch a win from apparent defeat.

Reaching base with one out in the top of the seventh inning, the freshman did steal second and then take third on a wild pitch dealt by BHS reliever Anthony Candelaria (W; 2 IP, H, R, BB, 3 K) to 2-hole hitter Anthony Manzanares, and ultimately score on a botched rundown — catcher Chauncey White’s throw went into leftfield — but it was too little, too late for the visiting Cats.

Manzanares struck out swinging for the second out and, after lashing a clean double to left and then reaching third on a passed ball charged to White, 3-hole Iaasic Pena was caught stealing at home plate by the masked man for Ignacio’s final pre-spring break out in an 8-4 loss on March 28.

“We started off good at the [Farmington, N.M., Piedra Vista Tri-States Invitational—JV Division] tournament, but we still need

to work on stuff,” Bo Ward said. “When we played Sargent [March 26] we made a lot of mistakes, especially in the outfield, but we’ve definitely improved from that game.”

Three of IHS’ runs had given them a 3-0 lead after just half an inning on John Gutierrez Field, as Tucker Ward (1-3, 2 R), Manzanares and Pena all reached and scored via some fine fundamental play.

The first two Cats singled off Bloomfield starter Luke Duggan (ND; 5 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 6 K), and Pena plated Ward with a double to left. Bo Ward then brought Manzanares home with an RBI-groundout to short, and Antonio Torres’ perfect sacrifice bunt towards first base allowed Pena to cross.

“In the first inning, we had our sticks running good,” said Pena (2-4, R, RBI). “We just made a few mistakes, got our heads down and ... that’s what killed us in the last couple innings.”

Bo Ward, meanwhile, allowed the New Mexicans next to nothing — save for cleanup bat Humberto Miramontes’ sac-fly to Torres, plating Ray Sanchez (2-4, 2B, R, RBI) in the fourth for BHS’ first run.

“Yeah it was pretty good,” said Ward, who left with a no-decision after firing four frames of two-hit ball, fan-

ning two and walking none, “and I just ... thought of strikes, threw it right down the middle.”

RBI-doubles by Miramontes (2-2, 2B, R, 2 RBI), Candelaria and Sanchez keyed BHS’ big inning off Tucker Ward (L; 2 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 0 K), as Bloomfield made 11 plate appearances against the righty, who once became entangled with his brother, a junior, on an unfortunate blooper-reel meeting near the third-base line that helped prolong the enemy’s rally.

“It’s got its ups and downs,” said Bo Ward (1-3, 2B) of playing simultaneously with his sibling. “Sometimes we have our conflicts — like when we ran into each other on that foul ball — and it kind of got into our heads. But other than that it’s pretty good.”

Two up, three down through an as-scheduled March, Ignacio will next see action April 9 in its 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opener at Dove Creek. The Bulldogs entered Break 5-2 overall, including an out-of-league win March 16 over usual SJBL contenders Dolores.

“I think now that we have time on spring break we’re going to ... play harder,” Pena said, “and just play who we can. Put the best players out there and get it done.”

IHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

Simmons collects CCGS honor

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Everyone knew Michelle Simmons could score on the basketball court.

But instead of attempting to increase her points-per-game average, as a large number of high school seniors do — in hopes of attracting next-level attention — Ignacio’s senior point guard focused on distribution and rebounding and stepped up her all-around game — in hopes of stepping into CSU-Pueblo’s Massari Arena for one chance at a Class 2A championship.

Though it didn’t end with a hoisting of the Gold Ball, the latter goal was indeed achieved.

And on March 24, not long after the 2012-13 CHSAA season was concluded, Simmons answered a summons to again compete against the classification’s best at the Colorado Coaches of Girls’ Sports All-State Games, held at Arvada West High School.

Simmons’ “Blue” crew led the “Red” 34 to 27 at halftime, but behind Parker-based Lutheran’s Jennifer Vigil (18 points) and Colorado Springs-based Vanguard’s Bailey Haist (17 pts), as well as Dolores’ Cydney McHenry (nine), Red rallied to win 73-65.

State champs Akron’s duo of Sidney Merrill (21 points) and Allyson Vasquez (11) shouldered much of the Blues’ scoring load in defeat, and Las Animas’ Haley Martinez poured in a cool 14. Simmons scored two points in the Sunday game.

Players are first nominated by opposing circuit coaches — Simmons and McHenry were proffered by San Juan Basin League bosses — and then voted upon after state.

Ignacio finished 16-9 overall this season, with two Lady Bobcats earning All-SJBL recognition: Simmons (First Team) and senior forward Mariah Vigil (Second Team). Additional First Teamers were Harlie (Player of the Year) and Jordan Williams of 1A Norwood,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s CCGS All-Stater Michelle Simmons zeroes in on the rim for a free throw during IHS’ Class 2A “Great Eight” game against Akron inside CSU-Pueblo’s Massari Arena.

McHenry, and Telluride’s Shelby Brier.

Second Team selections joining Vigil were Nucla’s Macaela Morris, DHS’ Lexi Atkinson, 1A Dove Creek’s Madison Young and Ridgway’s Haley Crozier, with Honorable Mention distinction going to DC’s Jessica

Guynes, RHS’ Grace Benasutti and 1A Ouray’s Jackie Saunders.

Norwood’s Greg King received Coach of the Year after the Lady Mavericks’ 23-2 season, ending with a fifth-place finish at state inside the ISTBANK Center in Broomfield.

CCGS All-State [Class 2A] girls’ basketball box

RED (27-46—73): Jennifer Vigil (Lutheran) 7 0-0 18, Cydney McHenry (Dolores) 3 2-4 9, Rylee Abert (Rye) 2 0-2 4, Kenzi Mitchell (Simla) 2 1-2 5, L. Bailey Haist (Vanguard) 6 1-2 17, Kathryn New (Mosca Sangre de Cristo) 2 4-4 8, Kelli Canty (Sanford) 2 0-0 4, Allie Satterly (Burlington) 4 0-0 8.

TOTALS: 28 8-14 73.

3-POINTERS: Vigil 4, Haist 4, McHenry.

FOULS: 14.

FOULED OUT: None.

BLUE (34-32—65): Kiera Mekelburg (Yuma) 0 1-2 1, Michelle Simmons (Ignacio) 1 0-0 2, Sidney Merrill (Akron) 9 2-3 21, Kaysyn Chintala (Meeker) 3 0-0 8, Allyson Vasquez (Akron) 2 6-6 11, Haley Martinez (Las Animas) 6 0-0 14, Quincey Thacker (Rangely) 3 1-8 7, Ashley O’Dwyer (Limon) 1 0-0 2.

TOTALS: 25 10-19 65.

3-POINTERS: None.

FOULS: 11.

FOULED OUT: None.

Bobcat boys’ All-league selections



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio forward Adison Jones (33) keeps his mind on the shot leaving his hand against 4A Kirtland (N.M.) Central during road action early in the 2012-13 season. Jones, a sophomore, was named Honorable Mention All-San Juan Basin League, following the Bobcats’ 19-6 result.



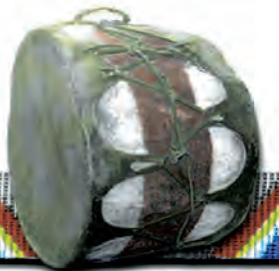
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Ignacio guard Clayton Jefferson (11) blows past a 3A Bloomfield (N.M.) defender during home action in the 2012-13 season. Jefferson, a junior, was named First Team All-San Juan Basin League for his contributions to the Bobcats’ 19-6 result.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio forward/center Justin Carver (3) beats a 1A Monticello (Utah) defender to the basket during home action in the 2012-13 season. Carver, a junior, was named Second Team All-San Juan Basin League after the Bobcats’ 19-6 result.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's newest girls' soccer head coach, Oscar Cosio (right, red shirt), wraps up his first pre-match speech in the huddle as the black-clad Pagosa Springs Lady Pirates await the 2013 season's kickoff on IHS Field March 19.

IHS SOCCER

Soccer's spirit unbroken

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Already facing a triple-whammy of a weekend with a March 29 trip to Bayfield followed by a neutral-site double-header against Telluride the next morning, the Lady Bobcats' luck took unfortunate additional hits in each before the defeats became history.

Worst of all was senior goalkeeper Nicole Williams' left knee injury — roughed up at BHS, then aggravated versus THS, limiting her to just 35 minutes of first-half play in the former fray and 38 in the latter, from which she was assisted off Montezuma-Cortez's Norman Johnson Memorial Field to receive further medical attention in Durango.

It was not even remotely the scenario first-year head coach Oscar Cosio would have envisioned for his team to enter spring break, but amid the respective 9-0, 12-0, 10-0 outcomes, there was at least one notable positive for him to build upon.

Inserted in net for four minutes prior to halftime at Wolverine Country Stadium, Destinee Lucero was again the boss's choice to spell Williams — who, after Amya Bison's six-minute stint between the sticks starting the second half in Bayfield, managed to gut out the final 32.

And fortunately there was enough action heading her way to help take her mind off a still-battered right ankle.

"Oh my gosh ... It was ac-

tually pretty tough," she said after fully completing the second match against THS. "I mean, I've been practicing [it] ... I just wasn't ready for Nicole to get hurt, and for me to go out there.

But neither did Telluride, who'd greeted the wounded Williams with six goals in the first 13 minutes of the first match and led 9-nil by the time she was pulled in the 38th. Cosio, however, had made a referee-approved decision to forego a mercy-rule ending, allowing his own side as much time on-pitch as possible for game-situation reps.

"It was a good opportunity for the girls," agreed THS coach Mick Hill. "There's obviously a difference in skill level and experience level between the two teams, but I thought our shooting was good and our passing was crisper than it has been in past games."

Lucero would finish with four total saves (Williams left with six, and also snared 18 against the Lady Wolverines) as THS managed to put three shots past before the match was halted in the 83rd minute. One, however, was Cirkine Sherry's penalty kick in the 59th, and also rendering her nearly helpless was Renny Engbring's perfect header in the 69th off a Toni Hill cross deep into the area.

Able to adequately regroup during a lengthy intermission between the day's contests, Lucero and the Lady Cats

brought a newfound energy with them in between the boundaries for the encore.

Engbring, who netted a hat trick in each meeting, scored the eventual winner off a Morgan Fansler feed in the 14th, and struck again unassisted in the 24th. But the 2-0 lead was all the Lady Miners (8-2, 7-1 3A Southwestern) could manage before the halftime whistle sounded.

"I think Destinee's a really good goalie," said midfielder Cheyenne Cook, informed that Lucero had collected 10 stops before the pause and 14 after for a strong total of 24. "And I'm proud of Nicole too — sad she got hurt, but I'm really proud."

Exhaustion rapidly became IHS' worst enemy in their last half before a classroom-free week, and THS iced the match with four goals — including Engbring's hatter in the 47th — in just 14 minutes. Senior sweeper Gina DiStefano later punctuated the scoring with highlight-reel goals in the 60th and 61st minutes, the former an eye-opening, upper-90 rocket of a 25-yard direct kick over a wall of Lady Cats.

"Telluride's a really good team; it was kind of hard to keep up with them — a lot of fast girls," said Cook, well-marked along with Bison and Miel Diaz, and likewise denied a shot on senior Scout Franklin.

IHS' first chance to improve on its 0-5, 0-5 status comes April 9 at Alamosa on Al Bennett Field.



courtesy Shasta Pena

Ignacio Junior High's wrestling program not only captured a third league title this season, but also qualified an impressive nine for the 2013 Colorado Middle School State Championships held March 29-30 in Denver. Back row (left to right): Ethan Appenzeller (8th grade, 115 lbs.), Lexis Velasquez (8th, 145), Lorenzo Pena (8th, 135), Stocker Robbins (8th, 100), Dalton Mickey, Nathan Atencio (7th, 95). Front row: Hunter Robbins (6th, 80), Lawrence Valdez (6th, 70), Tony Diaz (6th, 70), Lewis Valdez (6th, 75).

IJHS WRESTLING

IJHS Cats swarm state mats, placing 95th of 380

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Arriving at the National Western Complex in Denver, site of competitions of all sorts, fans can grin at the fact its parent street, Humboldt, sounds like "humbled."

But wrestlers of all ages who enter its doors know that if they're not prepared mentally and physically, humbled is what they'll become.

Following the program's third league title running, nine Ignacio Junior High grapplers earned the right to scrap at the fifth annual Colorado Middle School State Championships, held March 29-30 inside the Mile High City's historic venue.

But with 379 other squads sending their best — decided through a six-regional system — all brackets containing Cats were deep with talent.

And when all was said and done, IJHS finished

tied for 95th overall in the standings, which included both straight-up mid-school rosters as well as "all-star" clubs, such as champions Pomona Elite (246 points) and runners-up Predator Wrestling (240 points) of Greeley.

Loveland Walt Clark Middle's Cougars were third overall, but topped the mid-school table with their 204. Pueblo-based Steel City Elite followed with 176.5, and Colorado Springs Cheyenne Mountain Junior High's Thunderbirds (174.5) took fifth (but were the mid-school runners-up).

At 145 pounds, eighth-grader Lexis Velasquez qualified heaviest amongst IJHS' entrants, but went 1-2 and did not place. Classmate Lorenzo Pena made weight at 135, and went 4-2 to finish a solid fourth — losing to La Junta Growler Wrestling's William Tyler by pin in 1:31 in his last match.

Eighth-grader Ethan Appenzeller started well with

three wins at 115 pounds to reach the semifinals, but lost his last three — including to WC's Jacob Grudle — to finish sixth.

Eighth-grader Stocker Robbins checked in at 100 pounds, and also raced out with three wins before losing. His state record rebounded to 4-2 but that second loss landed him in the seventh-place match against Brighton Wrestling's Dessmond Prospero. A result was not shown on the bracket posted online.

Seventh-grader Nathan Atencio qualified at 95 pounds, but went 1-2 and did not place. Sixth-grader Hunter Robbins competed at 80 pounds, and went 2-2 but did not place after being eliminated by Bayfield Middle's Garrett Beebe.

Sixth-grader Lewis Valdez wrestled amid the 75-pounders and went 0-2, while classmates Lawrence Valdez and Tony Diaz both made the 70s — the latter ending 0-2 and the former 2-2.

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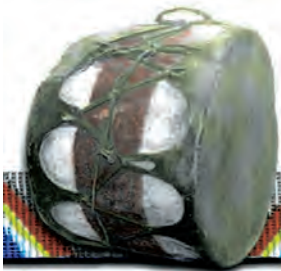
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Tribal homes located North of Hwy 172 and West of the Pine River. Telephone number for Motor Pool is 563-0280. Building Maintenance is 563-0265, Grounds Maintenance is 563- 0272 Tribal homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak.

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Tribal members observe Vietnam Veterans Day



Rod Grove gave a brief history of the Vietnam War, leading into the impact that the war has had on returned veterans. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. echoed those sentiments.

In honor of President Obama proclaiming March 29 Vietnam Veterans Day, members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association held a service in Veterans Park. The recognition was attended by members of the armed forces, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, and community members paying their respects to those who served in the Vietnam War. The last American troops were officially pulled out of Vietnam on March 29, 1973.



Proudly standing together in commemoration of the president's proclamation (left to right): Howard D. Richards Sr., Rod Grove, Ronnie Baker, Alden Naranjo and Larry Tucker.



Southern Ute tribal member Ronnie Baker greets attendees following the event.



Larry Tucker stands with Sunshine Perry following the ceremony; Tucker also gave the traditional blessing.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Veteran Jim Lynch of Cortez pays respect with his bagpipes, filling the morning air with crisp music.

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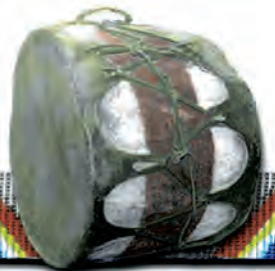
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe



May 27, 2013

Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park

10am



courtesy Boys & Girls Club

Southern Ute tribal member Michelle Simmons (back row, center) is this year's Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Youth of the Year.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Michelle Simmons named 2013 Youth of the Year

Staff report
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE SUIT

Ignacio High School senior Michelle Simmons is the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's 2013 Youth of the Year.

The Youth of the Year is determined by service to community, academic involvement, and contributions to family and to the Boys & Girls Club. Simmons, a youth employment

member at the club last summer, was chosen as a role model for club members for her athletic achievements, commitment to a healthy lifestyle, positive and goal-oriented attitude, and her academic involvement.

Youth of the Year participants receive help with college applications and college and job recommendations. All participants of the Colorado State Youth of the Year meet with state legislators and participated in a Health

and Human Services round-table discussion.

Simmons will also be involved in guiding the 2014 Youth of the Year in their process.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle, club board president Hanley Frost, vice president Sky Dawn Sandoval and Rudley Weaver attended the Youth of the Year event as well as the Rocky Mountain Area Council meeting in Denver.



courtesy Boys & Girls Club

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Pathimi Goodtracks and Howard D. Richards Sr. (third and fourth from left) pose for a photo outside the Salt River Department of Corrections in Pima, Ariz.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Club studies partnership in Ariz.

Staff report
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE SUIT

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is continuing to reach out to numerous Native clubs in the region to better programming and services to area youth.

Recently, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Pathimi GoodTracks and Howard D. Richards Sr. joined club board member Linda Campbell and former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell to visit the Indian Health Services Clinic at Komatke, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Lehi Branch, and the Salt River Department of Corrections in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Boys & Girls Club Lehi Branch serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and has been innovative in its partnerships with local entities to better serve the youth in its community. The Salt River Department of Corrections and the Lehi Branch have partnered to combine services to become the first fully operational program of its kind in Indian Country. The program is directed toward youth who are consistently arrested and detained in their juvenile facility.

Joining Department of Corrections programming



courtesy Boys & Girls Club

The council members made the trip to Arizona to learn about how the tribe's Boys & Girls Club can work with local correctional and educational staff to better serve youth.

with proven Boys & Girls Club programming, staff educate youth with life skills and tools for successful transition into school and life outside of the juvenile facility. The program emphasizes relapse prevention, career development, vocational skills, and Boys & Girls Club programming.

The Boys & Girls Club curriculum is included in the Tribal Credit Recovery School and in the Tribal Probation and Drug Court, where youth receive assistance with high school graduation and job placement. Programming focuses not only on the time that youth spend in the juvenile facilities, but also the prevention and transition phases to keep youth from returning.

With partnership of staff from the Salt River Depart-

ment of Education, Boys & Girls Club and correctional programs, youth can earn credits for high school while in the program.

With the collaboration of health services, Department of Corrections, the Boys & Girls Club and Department of Education, the Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is helping kids in prevention and successful transition from risk and incarceration to successful futures. With the creation of a board of directors working with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and in new collaborations with tribal departments, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is creating these partnerships in order to achieve similar successful results in this community.



courtesy Boys & Girls Club

Youth play capoeira, a Brazilian martial art, with staff members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Around the World Children's Fair on Saturday, March 9.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Local youth visit 15 countries at Children's Fair

Staff report
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE SUIT

Local youth stamped their passports in over 15 countries in one day at Del Alma's Fourth Annual "Around the World Children's Fair" on Saturday, March 9.

Local children created crafts from Kenyan-inspired beading projects to traditional Spanish paper flowers and watched demonstrations such as Del Alma's Ballet Folklorico dance group.

Youth from the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe represented Brazilian culture by performing an interactive capoeira workshop at the fair. Capoeira is a 400-year-old Brazilian martial art created by African slaves in Brazil as a means to fight for their freedom. Capoeira is a character-building and healthy lifestyle program available to all ages that promotes fitness, confidence, teamwork, and anti-bullying behavior.

Capoeira is non-impact and Capoeiristas "play" capoeira, they do not "fight." Everyone stands in a "roda" — a circle — and sings and claps hands along to traditional songs and



courtesy Boys & Girls Club

Club staffers Melinda Englert and Fernando Gonzalez (second and third from right) led the capoeira lesson.

the Capoeiristas in the center feed off of the energy of the people and music.

Several club members will soon complete one year of consistent training in capoeira and will receive their cordão verde (green belt), which signifies that they have learned fundamental capoeira movements and music. By learning capoeira and being exposed to different types of movement and music, students

gain a better understanding of their own physical ability and personal identity as well as an increased appreciation for other youth and different cultures.

Capoeira arrived at the Boys & Girls Club in May 2012 and is led by staff members Fernando González and Melinda Englert. Classes are available to club members during the school year and summer.

Patio sells hearts for books

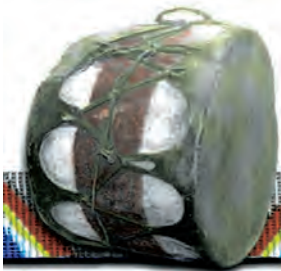


photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The Patio restaurant hosted its annual Valentine's Day fundraiser in February, this year benefitting the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Money raised will go to help the club purchase new books.

Two club members fish through the paper hearts at the Patio restaurant to find a winner.





courtesy Dan Davis

Native rap group The Council (left to right): Antonio “Tones” Herrera, Dashon “Tre” Lloyd and Dmitri “Dreezy” Reynolds.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Rap group The Council to release ‘One Tribe One Nation’

Staff report
CULTURE SHOCK ORIGINAL

The Council, winners of the Culture Shock Original’s Native Rap \$25K & Recording Contract Contest, is made up of Antonio Herrera, Dashon Lloyd and Dmitri Reynolds — also known as Tones, Tre and Dreezy.

A predominantly Native American rap group from Ignacio, The Council’s tribe affiliations include Southern Ute, Jemez Pueblo, Taos Pueblo and Sioux, although they stand with pride and reverence with the whole Native Nation — and that very stance is the inspiration for their debut album,

“One Tribe One Nation.”

The album will be available in 756 digital stores and in 103 counties on April 12. It features Snoop Dogg, The Game, TI and others.

“One Tribe One Nation” is loaded with superstar features and producers. Tracks are supplied by Scott Storch, producer of artists including Dr. Dre, Beyonce, 50 Cent, Fat Joe & Terror Squad, Nelly, Xzibit, Eve, the Roots, Mario, Lil’ Kim, Chris Brown, Snoop Dogg and The Game.

Also featured are the legendary funk masters George Clinton and Gene Anderson of Parliament and Funkadelic and producer Gavone of

New York, who has worked with and produced tracks that feature The Game, Snoop Dogg, TI, Lord Tariq, Juvenile, M.O.P, 2Pac’s The Outlawz and others.

The Council’s sound benefits from multiple Grammy Award-winning producer and engineer Ed Stasium, who mixed and mastered “One Tribe One Nation.” Stasium is famous for his work with Biohazard, Mick Jagger, Joan Jett, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Living Colour, MISFITS, Motörhead, Pennywise, Ramones, Ratt, Martha Reeves, Sha Na Na, The Smithereens, Soul Asylum, Talking Heads and others.

NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

Many American Indians lack a will upon death

Staff report
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Most American Indian tribal members pass away with no legal plan for distribution of their assets.

Since the American Indian Probate Reform Act took effect in 2006, the default result is tribal members without wills have all of their assets passed down to their oldest descendent, rather than all children receiving an equal share.

The reform act was created to try to decrease the fractionation of American Indian lands that are held in trust. In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court heard a case in which the parcel of land was divided so extensively that it became essentially useless.

“The case states that tract 1305 is 40 acres and produces \$1,800 annually. It is valued at \$8,000. It has 439 owners, one-third of whom receive less than \$0.05 in annual rent and two thirds of whom receive less than \$1. The largest holder receives \$82.85 annually, and the smallest heir receives \$0.01 every 177 years. Meanwhile,

the administrative costs of handling this tract are estimated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at \$17,560 annually,” said Lucy Marsh, professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. “This sort of fractionation, caused by laws passed by Congress, is not good for anyone involved.”

The AIPRA was enacted to curtail this fractionation by encouraging tribal members to write wills, instead of having all assets transferred to one descendent. Several issues persist, though, to the extent that the system remains largely broken.

“There is a strong cultural taboo against even talking about the possibility of death, that even mentioning death may mean that you are ready to die and that death will then happen,” Marsh said. “Compounding the problem in our area, we found out there are very few lawyers in the Four Corners area, so even those who want to pursue a will don’t really have access to the lawyers to obtain one.”

Congress neglected to provide any funding to pay for

lawyers to help tribal members write wills, and tribal reservations are frequently far from big towns with access to lawyers. Often the result is the other children have to fend for themselves while the oldest receives the entire sum.

Marsh, along with 10 of her law students, recently visited the Southern Ute Reservation and Ute Mountain Reservation as part of the Tribal Wills Project in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Interior, the Colorado Supreme Court, the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and other groups.

While on the reservations, interested clients ranged from age 27 to 92, all wanting to secure their own plan for their belongings after death.

“It was impressive to see the level of trust the clients had for the students,” Marsh said. “A number of clients included in the wills some special cultural items that we knew to be of tremendous cultural significance. Things that would normally not be talked about to a non-tribal member.”

Up-close equine experience



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Alonso Dominguez uses his hands to signal during an exercise focusing on nonverbal communication. Kim Hardesty of Horse Empower, a regionally based program, brings the horses into Ignacio and sets up exercises to bring youth into close contact. The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe participated in a mock cattle drive on Wednesday, March 13.

Isabella Torres familiarizes herself with a friendly and gentle horse named Rocky.



Students practice judging



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A Future Farmers of America district judging workshop took place at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds on Wednesday, March 27, bringing together students from Cortez, Ignacio, Durango, Bayfield and Pagosa Springs. The workshops are designed to give young 4-H and FFA members the skills to evaluate the qualities of animals. Participants also practiced halter techniques with their horses.

Sheep and pigs were among the prized livestock evaluated for quality and value by the attendees.





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Boys & Girls Club committee meeting

The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe meets the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7 p.m.

Contact Melinda Englert at 970-563-0100 ext. 2663 for more information.



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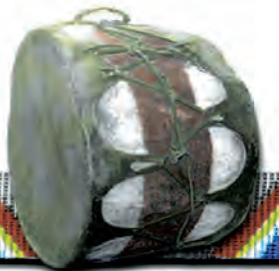
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Opening the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting at the governor's mansion, the Ute Mountain Casino Veterans Color Guard posts the flags.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Council Lady Pathimi Goddtracks converses with state Rep. Spencer Swalm, R-Centennial, and Ignacio School District Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto prior to the morning welcome in the state Capitol.

UTE DAY AT COLO. CAPITOL • FROM PAGE 1

With the recent occasion of the “sequester” — automatic budget cuts across the federal government — funding was a question on everyone's mind.

“We definitely are not above the impact,” Goodtracks said. “We have to do our planning and get information out to the membership.”

Fuschetto echoed a similar sentiment.

“We really rely on that [funding],” he said.

GOV. HICKENLOOPER SIGNS CCIA BILL

The following day opened with Ute royalty members leading the state Legislature

in the pledge of allegiance. Ute leaders and members of the commission then joined state legislators in Hickenlooper's office for the signing of HB 13-1198.

The bill makes several minor changes to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, including removing the \$35-a-day compensation for commission members to attend meetings, increasing the length of at-large terms from one to three years, and enabling the commission to form committees as needed. The act also renames House's position from executive secretary to executive director.

Following the signing, Goodtracks and Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R.

Newton Jr. joined Hickenlooper for a private meeting.

“We don't have a lot of issues with the state,” Newton said, adding that the tribe is mostly seeking ongoing support from the state for its various projects. “The relationship between the state and the tribe is great and we want it to continue to be great.”

Newton thanked House for his work as a liaison between the state and tribes.

“CCIA is letting people know that there are two federally recognized tribes in Colorado,” he said, “to let people know who we are.”

Among those projects discussed was a proposed project to rework irrigation channels on reservation lands.

“[We want to] rehabilitate the system and get it back to a working state,” Newton said. “[This project] benefits the community. ... The tribe is looking for broader support.”

Newton also asked for state support to manage recreation on Lake Nighthorse, part of the Animas-La Plata Project.

Hickenlooper expressed an interest in the possibility of a ceremony to honor those who died in the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864, when Colorado Territory militia reportedly killed more than 100 Native Americans, most of which were women and children.

“I support going back and examining the facts and not flinching,” Hickenlooper said.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ernest House Jr., executive director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, gives a warm welcome to Southern Ute Brave Cyrus Naranjo.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. addresses the tribe's concerns before Lt. Gov. Joseph Garcia (left) and Gov. John Hickenlooper (not pictured).



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute royalties stand together for the pledge of allegiance, opening the day's business in the House of Representatives on Friday, March 22.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. shake hands following the signing of HB 13-1198 on Friday, March 22.



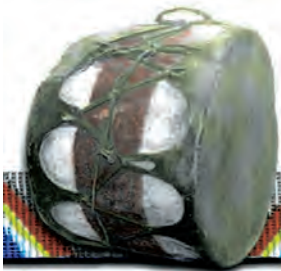
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Gov. John Hickenlooper listens to leaders from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in a closed meeting.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia poses for a photo with Southern Ute Royalty members (left to right) Cyrus Naranjo, Brave; Jazmin Carmenoros, Jr. Miss Southern Ute; Yllana Howe, Little Miss Southern Ute; and Tauri Raines, Little Miss Southern Ute alternate.



Representing the Southern Ute Tribe and Southern Ute Veterans Association, Rudley Weaver brought in the tribe's flag each night.

Denver March Powwow



The lights are lowered during the flag song as fancy dancers line the arena, filling the ceremony with color.

Denver March Powwow resounded for the 39th year through the state capital, filling the halls of the Denver Coliseum and bringing dancers together from across the nation. The three-day event took place March 22-24 and drew together veterans, members of tribal royalty, contestants, relations and spectators from across the country.



Jingle dress, fancy shawl and traditional dance styles are among those performed by the many women who danced at the spring powwow.



Traditional dancers make their way in during Grand Entry.



A dancer from Lame Deer, Mont., readies himself for dance.



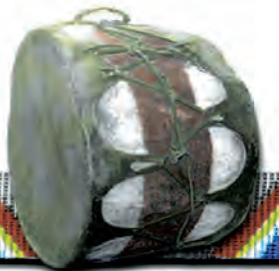
Southern Ute tribal member Brianna Goodtracks-Alires adorns a shell dress during a grand entry.



Jr. Miss Indian Colorado Serena Fournier stands for a portrait.



Dancers play double duty, sitting in on one of the many drums that resounded throughout the weekend-long powwow.



brings many together



Southern Ute elder Kenny Frost stands for a portrait with the Native American Women Warrior group, who recently represented Indian Country during President Obama's second-term inauguration.



Standing proudly, head dancers bring the American Flag into the coliseum.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



High energy filled the coliseum during Friday night's grand entry.



Kelsie Monroe sports a smile for the 39th annual Denver March Powwow.



Jasmine Carmenoros and Tauri Raines proudly represent the tribe as royalty from across Indian Country make a circle through the arena.



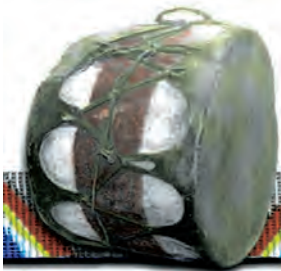
Hailing from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, women share a moment together while preparing their dance regalia.



The youngest of the dancers holds close to family during the dance.



Odyssey Baker-Silva dances shawl alongside her peers.



GOVERNMENT HEALTH SERVICES • FROM PAGE 1

puts in place comprehensive health insurance reforms that will roll out over four years and beyond, according to the White House.

“This act puts individuals, families and small business owners in control of their health care,” according to a White House summary. It also gives eligibility to people with pre-existing conditions and coverage for dependents up to the age of 26.

It provides hundreds of billions of dollars in tax relief — the largest middle class tax cut for health care in history — and reduces what individuals and families will have to pay for health care by capping out-of-pocket expenses and requiring preventative care to be fully covered without any out-of-pocket expense, the White House said.

“Americans without insurance coverage will be able to choose the insurance coverage that works best for them in a ... competitive insurance market,” according to the White House.

So which insurance is right for you? Understanding the benefits and coverage of different insurance plans are the first step to gaining affordable health care coverage.

MEDICARE

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities and people with end-stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure, requiring dialysis or a transplant), according to Medicare.gov. There are four parts to Medicare, according to the website:

Part A, hospital insurance, covers inpatient hospital stays, care in skilled nursing facility, hospice care, and some home health care.

Part B covers certain doctors’ services, outpatient care, medical supplies and preventative services.

Part C comprises the Medicare Advantage plans, which are a type of Medicare health plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide you with your Part A and Part B benefits. Medicare Advantage plans include health

maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, private fee-for-service plans, special needs plans and Medicare medical savings account plans.

Most Medicare Advantage plans offer prescription drug coverage. If enrolled in the Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicare services are paid for by the plan and not under the original Medicare.

Part D adds prescription drug coverage to the original Medicare, some Medicare cost plans, some Medicare private-fee-for-service plans and Medicare medical savings account plans. Insurance companies usually offer these plans and other private companies approved by Medicare.

MEDICAID

Each state operates a Medicaid program that provides health coverage for lower income people, families and children, the elderly and people with disabilities, according to HealthCare.gov. The eligibility rules for Medicaid vary from state to state, but most states offer coverage for adults with children at some income level.

Beginning in 2014, most adults under the age of 65 with individual incomes up to \$15,000 per year will qualify for Medicaid in every state, according to the website. People with disabilities are eligible in every state, and in some states they would qualify automatically if they get Supplemental Security Income benefits.

“Some states also have ‘buy-in’ programs, which allow people with disabilities with incomes above regular Medicaid limits to enroll in the Medicaid program,” according to the website. “The Affordable Care Act will expand options for community-based care. There will be more opportunities for people of all ages who have a disability to get help with daily activities while remaining in their homes.”

Community-based care options are designed to provide options as an alternative to nursing homes, the website said.

Medicaid also gives special coverage to women. For one,

it is the largest insurance program for low-income, pregnant women. Cancer prevention and treatment Medicaid programs are available to eligible women who are diagnosed with either breast or cervical cancer through a state screening program, the website said. States have the flexibility to define what it means to have been diagnosed or screened under this program.

Medicaid coverage eligibility is available for your children automatically until your child’s first birthday, if you’re enrolled in Medicaid when the baby is born, according to HealthCare.gov. All states provide coverage for children through Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Children are likely to be eligible for coverage if your income is up to about \$45,000 per year for a family of four, the website said. To find out the requirements in your state, go to www.medicaid.gov for more information.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Last but not least, we have Indian Health Services. IHS is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services that is responsible for providing federal health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The delivery of health services to members of federally recognized tribes “grew out of the special government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Indian tribes,” according to the IHS website.

“This relationship ... has been given form and substance by numerous treaties, laws, Supreme Court decisions and executive orders,” the website said.

Some tribes have chosen to operate their health centers themselves under a “638” agreement in which the tribe is the governing body and still receives funding from IHS. The Southern Ute Tribe has been operating this way since 2010.

There are five eligibility requirements to receive assistance under IHS. To review the eligibility requirements, visit www.ihs.gov/chs.

Tribes talk energy development



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and Southern Ute Growth Fund hosted the Northern Ute Energy & Minerals Department for a luncheon on Tuesday, March 19 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort to help answer any questions following site visits to both the Red Willow Production Co. and the Red Cedar Gathering Co. the previous day. The Northern Ute Tribe is looking to continue expansion of their energy operations.

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from the purchase of third-party insurance (like Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield) to self-funded plans covered by the tribe.

While no final decision has yet been made, the Tribal Council is moving forward to assist tribal members in receiving health care services.

Importantly, assisting tribal members in getting health care services means providing both high quality services at the Southern Ute Health Center and access to other high-quality health care options. Health insurance or other health care coverage is not the care people know when they go to the physician. Rather, health insurance or coverage is a method to provide access to that care by health care professionals. Access is key to tribal members seeking care.

The present system for providing health care services for tribal members is through the Tribal Health Department, which operates the Southern Ute Health Center for tribal members and other eligible beneficiaries. For those other health services that are not available at the Health Center, the tribe utilizes U.S. Contract Health Services funds where available and — for tribal members — has established a health benefit resource pool.

The resource pool was established in 2003 in rec-

ognition that CHS funds are inadequate to cover many necessary medical services. The initial intent in establishing the resource pool was to fill the funding gaps created by the underfunding of CHS and ensure that tribal members could receive urgent or emergency care after the CHS funds were exhausted.

Over time, however, use of the resource pool expanded to cover additional services such as primary care visits, optional surgery, vision services and dental services. As a result of such expansion, the use of the resource pool has grown to cost the tribe many millions of dollars each year.

Like everyone else involved in health care, the tribe has seen rising costs. Those rising costs will continue without active cost management from everyone involved in the tribe’s health care system, including tribal members.

The Tribal Council’s objective in reviewing options for improving the tribe’s health benefit program is to provide access to the high-quality health care that tribal members need, but to do so in a sustainable fashion that benefits the entire tribal membership.

For example, it appears clear that tribal members will need an insurance card to get services from many doctors

who require up-front payment or insurance information before providing services. The tribe may rely upon a third-party administrator to help review claims and contain costs. Also, the tribe may purchase a “preferred provider network,” which would provide tribal members with access to a number of quality facilities and physicians at reduced rates.

The purchase of an insurance policy to cover each tribal member is another option, but one that may come at a significant cost to the tribe. Ultimately, it will likely take a combination of these and other options to meet the goal of providing access in a sustainable manner.

Although a final decision about which of these options to utilize has not yet been made, the Tribal Council has determined that providing the tribal membership with access to quality health care will require changes to the present system.

Over the next few months, the Tribal Council will be finalizing plans and agreements for implementing these changes, with a goal of having a new system in place by Oct. 1. These changes will impact the tribal membership, and the council is committed to providing numerous opportunities for education and outreach about the next steps.

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The proposed agreement would be between the tribe and the VA. Begun in 1930, the VA is the main provider of health care for military veterans. The VA provides health care to those individuals who served in the military and qualify based upon the criteria set depending upon dates of service.

In 2003, the VA and the U.S. Indian Health Service entered a health care agreement to enhance and improve the care provided to Native American veterans who were using the VA for health care. This agreement was renewed in 2010 to improve communication between the two agencies.

In the summer of 2012, the VA also negotiated an agreement with IHS that would allow the VA to reimburse the IHS for services provided to eligible veterans at local IHS clinics. This agreement was remarkable because previously, the VA only allowed care of military veterans in its own facilities, either hospitals or outpatient centers.

Based on this 2012 agreement, the VA is now working with tribal health clinics to develop individualized reimbursement agreements as well. These agreements allow those tribes that operate health clinics under a 638 contract,

including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to also be reimbursed by VA for services provided to eligible Native American veterans. There are currently 28 such agreements in place, and the VA is working on an additional 30.

TELEHEALTH

The Southern Ute Health Center is also working with the VA to provide telehealth services to local veterans. Telehealth is a means of providing health-related services using telecommunication technologies. It can be as simple as two health professionals discussing care to a patient over the telephone, or as sophisticated as doing robotic surgery between facilities in different parts the globe, according to Wikipedia.

Telehealth services began approximately 20 years ago with the ability to utilize the Internet and communication to provide remote access to those individuals who could not readily seek care within their area. Telehealth services primarily focused at that time on a visit where the physician and the patient did not need to be in the same room.

The services have continued to expand with technology. For example, it is now possible to use telehealth for

endocrinology, dermatology, counseling and other conditions that do not require an invasive procedure. One advantage of utilizing telehealth services is remote patient monitoring for issues such as blood pressure, cardiac conditions, COPD, diabetes and depression.

Telehealth is an expansion of what has been known as telemedicine but, unlike telemedicine, telehealth encompasses more preventive care.

One specific expansion the Southern Ute Health Center is working with the Albuquerque VA Medical Center is to submit a grant for tele-rRetinal services, which would allow specialists in Albuquerque to provide retinal services without veterans having to make the trip. This grant will be submitted as a joint venture between the Albuquerque VA and the Southern Ute Health Center and, if approved, will expand the services available to tribal members and eligible Native American veterans in the Southern Ute Health Center.

The Tribe’s Health Department will continue to work to expand services available to tribal members, including continuing to make additional health care options, both traditional and telehealth, available to tribal-member veterans.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe General meeting agenda

Sky Ute Casino Resort
April 11, 2013

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| 9 a.m. | Roll Call |
| 9:05 a.m. | Call to Order |
| 9:10 a.m. | Invocation |
| 9:15 a.m. | Approval of Agenda |
| 9:20 a.m. | Welcome Address, Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr. |
| | Tribal Council Remarks/Chairman Remarks |
| 9:45 a.m. | Health Dept. Update, Mr. Kaylor Shemberger |
| 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:25 a.m. | Health Department Continued |
| 12 p.m. | Lunch |
| | Public Announcements |
| 1 p.m. | CFO Update, Mr. Brian Zink |
| | Credit |
| | Fiscal 2012 Audit Summary |
| 1:30 p.m. | Casino Update, Mr. Charley Flagg |
| | Aspen Room |
| | Upcoming Events |
| 2 p.m. | Permanent Fund Update, |
| | Mr. Steve R. Herrera & Ms. Amy Barry |
| 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:45 p.m. | Question & Answer Session |
| 4 p.m. | Adjourn |

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

HAPPY BELATED 2ND BIRTHDAY SHYLA R. CLOUD!!
(March 20th)

It doesn't seem that long ago you were in your little bodysuits being swaddled. You're such a beautiful, silly, adventurous, and smart little girl. You bring nothing but joy and happiness to everyone you're around. Watching how much you've grown in so little time has been nothing but great memories. The world is yours. Enjoy your day with lots of cake and ice cream. We all love you so much.

Happy Birthday ShyShy Love,

Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle, Tonetti, Cree, Melvin, Buzz, Kristen, Adrienne, Avery and Mataya.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
I just wanted to wish my mom, Becky Thompson, a "Very Happy Birthday " on April 6th. I just want you to know that I love you very much and you are best mom. You always encourage me to do my best and never give up.

I hope you have an awesome day and are around to enjoy many more.

Your daughter Mariah

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY SISTER REBECCA THOMPSON ON APRIL 6
Hope you have a wonderful day and many more to come.

Hope and Wishes
These are my hopes and wishes... That we may always be more than close; that nothing will come between the bond that we share. That I will always be there for you, as you will be there for me. That we will listen with love. That we will share truths and treasured memories. That we will trust and talk things out. That we will understand.

That wherever you go, you will be in my heart, and your hand will be in my hand.

By Douglas Pagels

ASPEN ROOM RECOGNITION
I would like to bring recognition to the dining experience that we had in the Aspen Room at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Valentine's Day. The "reservation only" affair was quite memorable for our party of six.

Our menus were nicely done, the tables were dressed beautifully, and the lighting and soft music ambience added to the atmosphere. The appetizers were great, the entrée's were fabulous (the juicy New York Strip steak was cooked to perfection and the chimmichurri buttered swordfish was awesome!!), and the desserts were almost "too beautiful" to eat AND superbly delicious!

Our server took our different drink and meal choices and off she'd scurry away, back and forth throughout our evening.

Executive Chef Bill Barbone came out to "touch tables" and helped our server bring out our desserts; that is nothing knew as often times he does "touch tables" for lunch and dinners. Our Kitchen Manager, Peggy Hererra and other Restaurant Staff, as well as F&B Manager Franklin Thompson, also "touch tables" frequently to find out if a patron has any unmet needs, such as a coffee warm up, drink refills, etc....

Often times, many "unsung hero's" are not recognized with helping make an event a success. From the Hostess, Dish Washer Techs, Prep Cooks, Busser Techs, Servers, Executive Chef, all Sous Chefs, F&B Director John M. the Menu Planners, the Department that Orders and Delivers the food.

Thank you for your hard work! Grrreat JOB!! I also want to recognize the other Departments that contribute such as the Hotel, PBX, Marketing, Bear Club, Maintenance, House-keeping, Table Games, Slots, Transportation, Bingo, Security, Bowling, 49 Lounge, Surveillance, HR, Property Shift's, the Senior Executive Secretary and our General Manager, the list literally goes on and on, if I left a Department out it is not intentional-YOU know who you are.

As I recall, it takes months and months of planning. Everyone has "a hand" in the success of a big event (big or small)-One Department could not do it alone, NOT without the co-operation and respect of ALL Casino Departments. If you really think about it, that really is a VERY BIG deal! You have the right to be VERY proud of yourselves!!

Great JOB!!
I am also looking forward to the NEW Wil-lows Baja Grill and the Café Bistro as well. They are being re-developed as I write this, projected to open/reopen about April 14th!

Please do convey to your staff that they did a FANTASTIC JOB in helping make our Valentine's Day dinner a memorable dining experience!

I TRULY honor your commitment to dedication and excellence!

Thank You!!
We'll definitely be back!

*Geraldine Rael
former employee
and Southern Ute tribal member*

DURANGO CELTIC FESTIVAL THANKS

We want to send out a very special thank you to all the wonderful people who supported our fundraising during the Durango Celtic Festival.

First and foremost is Durango Celtic Music and Arts who offered us a partnership in this first ever event.

This was a hugely successful "debut" for the festival and we thank everyone for coming out and having fun.

We had some great supporters in our fundraising efforts, which include the Irish Embassy, Strater Hotel, Schank House, Mountain Trip, Vallecito Country Market, Half Price Tees, Durango Diner, Maria's Book Store, Durango Discovery Museum, Bayfield Chiropractic, AJ's Pizza, Art Supply House, Mill Street Drug, Starbuck's and Skin, Inc.

We had lots of folks participate in our scavenger hunt, shop our items for sale, play games, do crafts and get their face painted, thanks to the great volunteers who helped out.

These wonderful folks include Gayle DuPree, Natalie Howard, Angela Diaz, Caleb Rivenes, Brandy Wright, Terry Double, Sherryl Pinnecoose, Dylan Sanchez, Mandi Jackson, Amy Bennett, Katie Barthels, Tessa Harmann, Rosa Gaskia and Rita Austin.

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FREE HOME RADON TESTING

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs is offering FREE home radon testing for Tribal members.

Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.
Call Peter Dietrich at 970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information.

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
HAPPY SPRING ARIES PEOPLE! The time is right to put your personal goals front and center. The SUN, VENUS, MARS, AND URANUS, have aligned themselves in your sign. They send a message that inaction is not the action to take. Forward motion is your best direction. Be prepared to swing into accomplishment mode after the 10th when the NEW MOON in ARIES sets fire to your motivation. Make a "to do" list and "GIT ER DONE." Maybe you have heard that old saying that "Nothing satisfies like satisfaction". Finish what you start Rams.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
VENUS, and MARS in sync on the 6th work behind the scenes to insure you take the initiative. Hold your plans close to your vest. Openly talking about them will dissipate the momentum. After the 20th, the SUN, VENUS, and MARS are all in your sign, and they are setting personal changes into motion. Your power is strong at that time. Use it wisely TAURUS. Hard charging MARS can help you get things done. But it may also have you barking out orders like a Drill Sergeant. Just be your good natured self.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
While the planets converge in the "Wishing Well" area of your Horoscope it's a fine time to increase your social connections. You are THE social sign of the Zodiac, and the month is chock full of support. What's more, the GIANT HAS YOUR BACK. Yes, JUPITER is still in your sign encouraging growth, and improving general conditions. Maintain an optimistic outlook Twins. Send your hopes and wishes out into the Universe, and see what is sent back to you. Be clear, and honest about what you want.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
Job related matters take priority this month as a pack of planets crowd the career sector of your Horoscope. Push your intentions into motion MOON KIDS. It may be best to avoid being too assertive with the boss, or those in charge. Your confidence level is sky high now, and it's a favorable time to make a good impression. Show off your skills. The planets are promoting advancement and recognition for a job well done. Don't be shy, just go for it.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**
A crowd of planets fill the travel section of your Horoscope. It's no wonder you're feeling the urge to get out and about. But that's not all Lions. A fresh Moon phase on the 10th launches a time of great activity. Don't be a lazy LEO. This is a good month to seek out new adventures, and road trips. Learn something new, expand your horizons Big Cats. We are never too young or too old to educate ourselves. Explore other cultures. Pursue your favorite sports, or visit a distant relative. The possibilities are endless.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**
Hey VIRGO! You're not an APRIL FOOL...The word around the Zodiac is that you're known as the 'practical' one. Yet there are times when practicality may not be enough. This month you will also need to be resourceful as well. Do what you can to improve your finances, and stay current with payments. Get taxes, and documents in order. MERCURY in your opposite sign of PISCES might have you overlooking something important. April 15th rolls around quickly. Conditions improve after the 15th.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**
Personal relationships take on a healthy glow this April as the SUN, VENUS, MARS, and URANUS fire up the partnership section. VENUS links with MARS on the 6th setting up the perfect chance for a romantic weekend. Be objective LIBRA. Your patience may be limited somewhat but it's best to preserve the domestic peace. MERCURY and NEPTUNE might stir your doubts, and insecurities, so keep your focus fixed on your objectives. Find ways to relax, and lower the stress level.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**
A mixed up list of options await you this month SCORPIO. For starters, the Solar System sets up a complimentary planetary configuration involving your sign. Good times are in store. Just remember that you need a nice balance of both work and play to strike a happy medium. Don't be too hard on yourself. You're always comforting others. Now it's time to nurture, and pamper yourself. Read, rest relax, and do what comforts YOU. Soothe your soul SCORPIO, and be your own BEST friend!

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**
Four fiery planets have gathered in the entertainment section of your chart and are ready, and willing to spice up your lifestyle. It's a great month to be busy, creative, and involved in social activities. It's not the month to hide your special gifts, or talents under a bush. Let them shine! "Single and looking" Saggies may have opportunities to meet new people. Just be yourself. You will know just exactly what to talk about on the 23rd when MERCURY connects with your favorite planet JUPITER. What's not to like about APRIL?

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**
Household and domestic duties may occupy your time. It's best to Tip Toe around family discord CAPRICORN. Parents, or elders, might be demanding more of your attention, or distracting you from current projects. Try to settle current issues, and iron out any differences. Later, at mid-month, a more positive planetary pattern develops, and it enables you to sail smoothly through the rest of the month on a much happier note. Lighten up a little, spring is here and there are more hours of daylight to enjoy.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
Fasten your seatbelt AQUARIAN'S this month you're on a fast track that may have you hopping from one event to another. April's wild planetary menu is lively enough to keep you happily entertained. Follow your dreams. The only hang up is an elusive MERCURY/NEPTUNE combination that might stir up confusion regarding a money matter. Keep your records up to date, and pay attention to what is going out. It's always best to be crystal clear about your daily spending habits.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
To quote a song from a movie, "Money Makes the World Go Around", and MERCURY teams with NEPTUNE to beam new ideas your way. Since much of the focus centers around your financial interests, you might want to put some constructive methods into motion. Be resourceful LITTLE FISHES". Fast decisions may be needed, so be ready to take action. After the 10th a powerful NEW MOON fires up a fresh cycle. Put important papers in safe place. Check your budget, then go have some fun.

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OBITUARIES

WEAVER – Brian Landon Weaver, 38, of Farmington, NM, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Farmington. He was born January 16, 1975 to Joel J. Weaver and Ida Harrison. He was of the Bitahni and Noodaiidine clans.

Brian had a certificate in Automotive Technology and class shy of an Associate Degree in Home Design and Construction. He has worked as a Control Operator for Red Willow Production, worked at many construction sites, and as a firefighter.

Brian loved his children and missed them very much. He liked to read, listen to music, and loved to Barbeque. He occasionally volunteered at Sycamore Community Center, Farmington, NM and recently signed up with Habitat for Humanity. He enjoyed talking to his "Friends," the homeless, on the streets and enjoyed sharing food with them.

Brian is preceded in death by his father, Joel Jay Weaver, and grandparents, Joseph B. Weaver, Nona Weaver Romero and Robert Harrison, Sr.

He is survived by his sons, Cameron and Elijah; Daughters, Kalynn and Roshae. Parents, Ida Harrison-Baker, step-father, John E. Baker, Sisters, Ciara Kyra Jones, Tyler Schae Baker, Step brothers, Robin, Clinton, and Eric Baker. Also surviving are his grandparents, Annabell HARRISO, Art and Sylvia Weaver, Uncle Roland Norris and numerous aunts, nieces and nephews.

Services were held on March 15, 2013, at Brewer, Lee and Larkin, and Internment at Greenlawn Cemetery, Farmington, NM.

In appreciation...

During this time, the passing of Brian, we realize how much our friends and family mean to us. Your presence and expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you Chairman Jimmy Newton Jr., Executive Officer, Steven Herrera Sr. for your assistance. Thank you for the beautiful flowers everyone sent to Brian.

...I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. Jeremiah 31:13

Ida Harrison-Baker, John E. Baker, Ciara Jones, Tyler Baker

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Deadline

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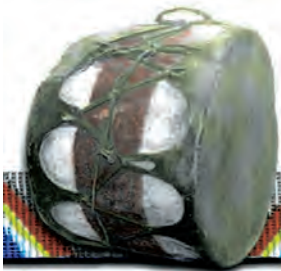
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Management options for prairie dogs

By Robert Dobbins
SU AGRICULTURE DIVISION

Editor's note: This article, which originally appeared in the March 8 issue of the Drum, is being reprinted with additions at the request of the Southern Ute Agriculture Division.

Of all the wildlife we're blessed to have in this area, none is more destructive and problematic than the prairie dog.

We all know the hazards and risks they pose, ranging from spreading diseases to the damage caused by their digging. In the past few years, the population of prairie dogs has increased dramatically — and as a result we've begun to see their colonies spread, often encroaching ever closer to where people live and causing more problems.

Controlling these nuisance animals can be difficult, to say the least.

There are many options for prairie dog control. You may choose one control method or combine several for better results. The best method depends on a lot of factors, including site location, the amount of time and labor that can be afforded to the project, and even time of year and weather conditions.

The most effective methods available to us involve the use of pesticides. When pesticides are applied correctly, they are a safe tool that poses little harm to humans and other animals. In open areas away from houses, such as vacant lots and farm fields, several pesticides are available that offer the quickest



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and most economical control of prairie dogs.

However, to protect people's health and safety, federal and state laws control the sale, application and even storage of these types of pesticides. In Colorado, pesticide applicators must become licensed by the state Department of Agriculture. For people wanting to control prairie dogs on their own land, especially agricultural fields and unused lands, a private pesticide applicator license is needed.

To get the license, you must pass a written exam. It's an easy process that can be done in two different ways. You can request the study materials, test, and then return the completed exam to the Department of Agriculture, or the test can be taken online.

The cost is \$20 for the testing materials and the license fee is \$75. The total cost is \$95 and the license is valid for three years.

Completing the requirements to attain a license is fairly simple and does not require a lot of time. This licensing process gives instruction on how to correctly

and safely apply pesticides. Getting the license then allows you to legally purchase and apply restricted-use products.

Even though pesticides are a good tool, they may not always be the best option. Special caution should be used around houses. In areas where people live in close proximity to each other, safe and effective methods are limited.

We can't use the same method on every area, and every site must be evaluated case by case. We encourage those with agricultural lands to obtain a private pesticide applicators license to assist with prairie dog control, especially with the outlook for continued dry weather ahead of us.

To learn more about different types of prairie dog control or for more information about how to get a private pesticide applicator license, call the Southern Ute Agriculture Division at 970-563-0220. As another alternative, the Agriculture Division is offering smoke bomb devices for purchase to the tribal membership for control of prairie dogs in areas close to homes and people.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Grazing Permits on Tribal Units for 2013 Grazing Season

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is accepting applications for grazing permits on Tribal Range Units for the 2013 grazing season. The application deadline is Monday, April 8. Stocking rates are set as illustrated in the table below.

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| Archuleta Mesa 103 animal units | Kearns 15 animal units | Cat Creek 43 animal units | Vega 60 animal units |
| Archuleta Creek 60 animal units | Trail Canyon 51 animal units | Pump Canyon 35 animal units | Beef Canyon 22 animal units |
| Picnic Flats 64 animal units | Soda Springs 24 animal units | Sandoval 60 animal units | Coyote Gulch 30 animal units |
| Cinder Buttes 45 animal units | | | |

*An animal unit is 1 cow/calf pair

The 2013 grazing season begins June 1 of the calendar year. August 1 will be the official off date. This date will be initially set with the opportunity to extend, monthly, up to September 30 provided adequate forage is present to support sustainable use. To obtain an application please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Range Division at 970-563-4780.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS General Contractor for renovations for District Administration/Woodshop Buildings

Ignacio School District 11JT is issuing a Request for Qualifications/Proposals to applicants interested in providing General Contractor (GC) services for their Renovation Projects. A copy of the RFQ/P and supporting documentation is posted on the school website at www.ignacioschools.org/. All correspondence regarding this solicitation shall be directed as

stated in the RFQ/P. For issues or concerns regarding this announcement, please contact: Dr. Rocco Fuschetto, Superintendent at rfuschetto@ignacio.k12.co.us

Key Dates:
Bid Documents Available - March 29
Mandatory Site Visit - April 11 (1 P.M.)
RFQ/P responses due - April 17 (4:30 P.M.)

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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**In the Legal Name Change of,
Krista Waukene Red, Civil Subject
Case No.: 13-0003-CV-NC**

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krista Waukene Rangel.

As of March 11, 2013 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Krista Waukene Rangel.

**Dated this 15th day of March, 2013.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



TRI-UTE GAMES 2013

Events dates to be announced. Looking for athletes and coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. Games will be held here in Ignacio this summer. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross-country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard and hand game. Open to enrolled tribal members and tribal descendants, ages 9 to 18. The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better and to foster friendship between the Northern Ute,

Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214.

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.



**Mesa County
LIBRARIES**

CALL FOR ART

In 2013 Mesa County Libraries will open the new Central Library. The Library Art Committee is considering purchase of art for the library's permanent collection. The Library seeks contemporary fine art for the new Central Library. Additionally, the Library seeks photography work for a series of end panels. Below is a call to artists for submission to be considered for the permanent collection. If you would like additional details contact Nancy MacDonald at 970-683-2434 or nmacdonal@mcpld.org.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Exhibition is competitive and open to all professional artists.
2. Two-dimensional fine art is the primary focus. Wall mounted mixed media including fabric art will also be considered.
3. We are specifically looking for one large piece to fit a 7 ft x 7 ft area.
4. Photography will be considered; strong vertical orientation is recommended.
5. Submissions must be original.
6. Accepted work must be display ready with a secure wire hanger and if subject to damage must be under glass or plexiglass.
7. The Library Art Committee will have final purchase authority.

ENTRIES

1. Artists may submit one CD for up to 3 entries total.
2. CD Submission Guidelines:
 - a. Photographs may be cropped to fit a 21 inch wide x 66 inch tall panel. Images should have strong vertical orientation.
 - b. Save all art images on one CD and label with the artist's name, phone number, and e-mail address. Complete the entry form and please include the title, dimensions, approximate total weight, and price of each piece. CDs will not be returned and slides are not accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions Accepted: Between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., March 22, 25, and 26.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

By Mail or In Person:
Mesa County Libraries
Art Submission c/o Nancy MacDonald
536 Ouray Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Notification of accepted works will be announced by April 15, 2013. Artists will be notified by e-mail or phone call. Upon selection, artists are responsible for the delivery of all works. Date and place for delivery of selected works is to be determined.



visit www.mesacountylibraries.org

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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Mechanic II – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/8/13
Maljamar, NM. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Mechanic III – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/8/13
Maljamar, NM. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Maintenance Technician I – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/8/13
Maljamar, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and the field compressor stations safely and efficiently. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Operations Technician I – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/8/13
Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Operator II – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/8/13
Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

Operator III – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/8/13
Maljamar, NM & Artesia, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

Revenue Accountant – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/12/13
Tulsa, OK. Sets up and maintains division of interest decks in the revenue system for Aka and Aka subsidiaries. Processes monthly revenue

distribution report and pays all working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners. Reports and pays all required state and federal production taxes. Reports and pays royalties for MMS and other state and federal leases. Responds to communications from interest owners.

Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production

Closing date 4/15/13
Ignacio, CO. Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required.

Financial Manager – Red Willow Production

Closing date 4/15/13
Ignacio, CO. Assists Chief Financial Officer in monitoring and managing Red Willow's capital investments, cash flow and operating results by gathering, analyzing, and presenting financial and business data. Coordinates the development, monitoring and management of the annual budget. Responsible for internal and external financial reporting obligations. Supervising and developing the Financial Analyst to support the Finance function.

Procurement Manager – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/18/13
Durango, CO. Negotiating major national and regional material and/or service agreements for use throughout Aka Energy Group. Developing and implementing strategic alliances with key suppliers of goods and services in specific areas of the Company. Procuring major equipment and materials/services through alliances or the bidding process. Expediting delivery of major equipment purchases.

Field Operations Foreman – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/19/13
Maljamar, NM. Responsible for the day-to-day operations of all field compression and associated equipment including the gas gathering systems. Ensure safety, compliance with all laws, regulations and permits. Works in conjunction with plant supervisors to minimize the impact of field-related activities on the plants inlet volumes.

Safety Manager – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/22/13
Durango, CO. Development and oversight of Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures for Aka Energy Group. Provides expert knowledge and skills to the organization to promote a compliant and positive health and safety culture. Ensures all health and safety laws and regulations are adhered to including Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Administrative Assistant – Health Services

Closing date 4/5/13
This position provides clerical support for the Health Services Division. An employee in this position provides reception, secretarial and records management services to the Division. Pay grade 14: \$13/hour.

Range Technician

Closing date 4/5/13
Under the general supervision of the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Forest Technician

Closing date 4/5/13
Incumbent is under the general supervision of the Forester, represents the Forestry Division in a positive professional manner while assisting in the implementation and coordination of multiple and varied forestry projects.

Boys & Girls Club Aide

Closing date 4/5/13
Southern Ute tribal members only. Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. This position is a summer employment opportunity. Pay grade is 12: \$11/hour.

Tribal Health Dept. Office Manager

Closing date 4/15/13
Responsible for THD office management to include the overall direction and supervision of the health registration functions, benefits contact, medical records, medical administrative assistants,

insurance verification, voucher examination, data entry, benefits coordination, billing and collection of all third party resources across the THD Department. Pay grade 19: \$42,932/year.

Sr. Probation Officer

Closing date 4/15/13
Under direct supervision of Chief Probation Officer & Court Administrator represents the Tribal Court in a positive and professional manner in the provision of probation counseling to Tribal Members and serves as Wellness Court Case Manager. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Summer Youth In Natural Resources Crew Member

Open until filled
This is a temporary summer position for Southern Ute Tribal Member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal Members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other Federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal Members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crew Members are assembled into a 4-man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of Natural resource management. Pay grade 11: \$11/hour.

TEAM Jobs Program

Temporary positions. Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM JOBS positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for 6 hour assignments, but not less than \$10.82/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boxing Commissioner Alternates

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently seeking two (2) Alternate Commissioners. This is for a two-year term; this is a paid commission. The commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are: Must be 21 years of age; Shall be of good character; Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty to any felony or boxing-related offenses. Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on April 9, 2013 to:

Southern Ute Boxing Commission
PO Box 737 #74
Ignacio, CO 81137

Or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention: Phillip Martinez, chairman (970-563-0100 ext. 2239), or Hilda Burch, vice chair (970-563-4710 ext. 2722).

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Indian Preference Employer • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com • *21 years or older

Bowling Mechanic

Closing date 4/5/13

*Cage Staff

Closing date 4/8/13

Facilities Staff

Closing date 4/8/13

Busser-Willows

Closing date 4/5/13

Fine Dining Busser-Seven Rivers

Closing date 4/5/13 (full/part-time)

*Fine Dining Expeditor-Seven Rivers

Closing date 4/5/13

Fine Dining Host/Hostess-Seven Rivers

Closing date 4/5/13 (part-time)

Fine Dining Food Server-Seven Rivers

Closing date 4/8/13

Host/Hostess-Willows

Closing date 4/5/13

*Lead Line Cook-Seven Rivers

Closing date 4/5/13

*Restaurant Supervisor-Seven Rivers

Closing date 4/5/13

Server-Willows

Closing date 4/5/13

Housekeeping Staff

Closing date 4/5/13

Cosmetologist

Closing date 3/22/13 (part-time)

*Security Patrol/Event Officer

Closing date 4/5/13

*Craps Dealer – FT

Closing date 4/8/13

NEW EMPLOYEES



Melanie Spencer
Job title: APIAR Clerk (PT)
Job duties: Processing of accounts payables and receivables.
Hobbies: Exercising and running
Family: Mother of three and wife of Joe Spencer
Tribe: Navajo

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

- Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
- Have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Have the ability to observe restrictions

concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

- Submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
- Undergo a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2013. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Interim Director

Position now open
Experienced administrator sought to manage operations, employees and finances during

search for permanent Library Director.
Email resume to crobinette@ignaciolibrary.org



Community Learning Garden in Ignacio

Come work with family, friends, neighbors and community organizations as you learn gardening and foster friendships.

There will be an organizational meeting Thursday April 11th at 5:00pm at the Ignacio Senior Center 15345 State Highway 172 Ignacio

We will walk the garden spot and share ideas on how to develop our gardening group.

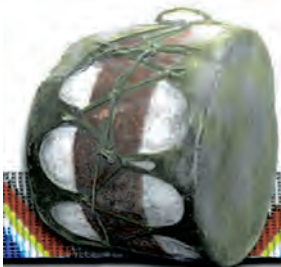
Please bring your enthusiasm ,great ideas and seeds.

For more information please contact:

Pam — LaPlata Family Centers Coalition 385-4747 Pam@lpfcc.org
Ernie Garcia—Southern Ute Head Start 563-4566 egarcia@sucap.org
Rebecca Barnes—Southern Ute Head Start 563-4566 rbarnes@sucap.org



Sponsored by:



On the hunt for Easter eggs

The Southern Ute Police Department's annual Easter egg hunt at the playground east of the SunUte Community Center drew on Saturday, March 30 scores of young hunters, baskets in hand, chomping at the bit for a chance to round up as much candy as possible. The ultra-competitive youngsters ensured all eggs were rounded up in a matter of minutes once the hunt began.

Photos by Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum



Community Resource Officer Don Folsom of the Southern Ute Police Department welcomes eager Easter egg hunters.



This year's event featured three fields to allow kids to compete with others of similar age. The oldest group, ranging from 9 to 12, proved the most competitive as they leapt out before being given the OK.



A young participant adopts an alternative tack, calmly and quietly gathering eggs for her bucket while others scramble at full speed around her.

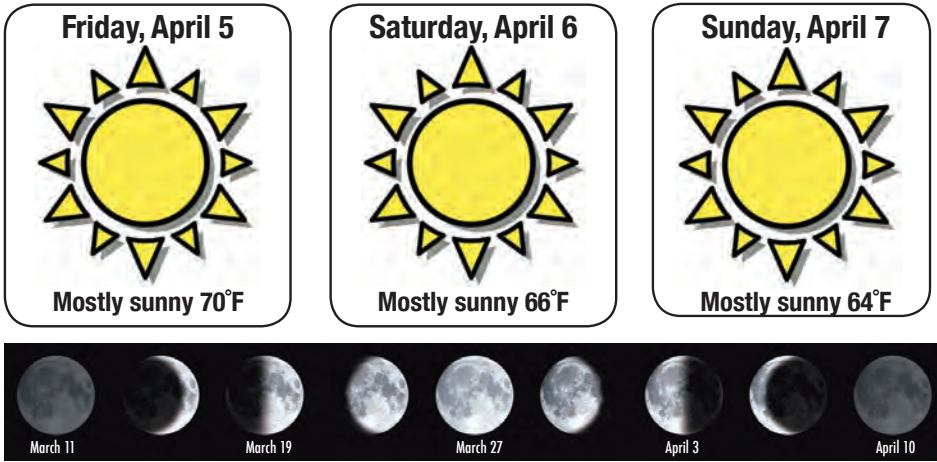


The Easter bunny proved as popular as ever, and didn't once turn down a request for a hug.

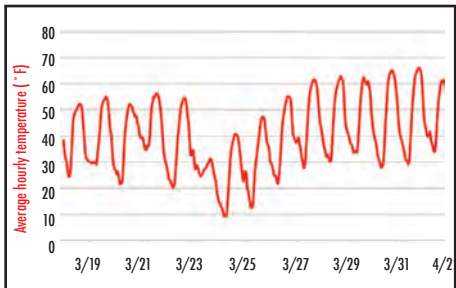


A young hunter on the prowl.

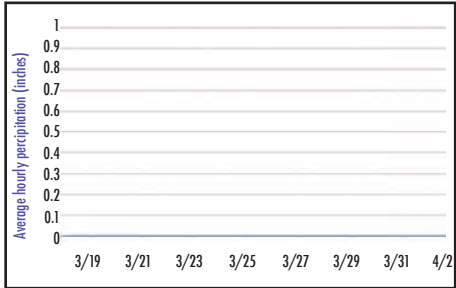
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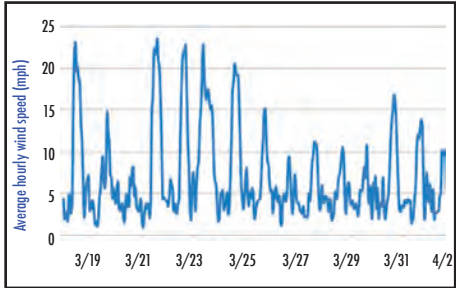
Weather data for March 17 – April 2



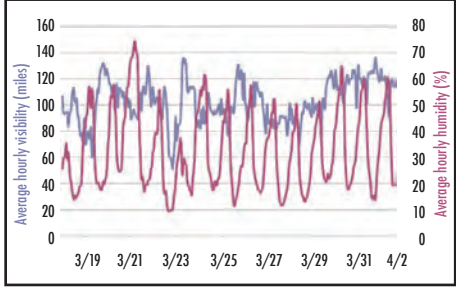
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| Temperature | |
| High | 66.1° |
| Low | 9.2° |
| Average | 39.8° |
| Average last year | 43.1° |



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| Precipitation | |
| Total | 0.00" |
| Total last year | 0.15" |



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| Wind speed | |
| Average | 7.0 |
| Minimum | 0.9 |
| Maximum | 23.6 |



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| Visibility & humidity | |
| Average visibility | 102.0 |
| Average humidity | 32.8% |

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| Air quality | |
| Good |  |

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

COUNCIL CORNER

Growth Fund to sell Anadarko interests

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Midstates Petroleum Company Inc. announced on Wednesday, April 3 that it has entered into a purchase-and-sale agreement with Panther Energy LLC and its partners — Red Willow Mid-Continent LLC and LINN Energy Holdings LLC — to acquire producing properties and developed and undeveloped acreage in the Anadarko Basin in Texas and Oklahoma for \$620 million in cash.

Both Panther and Red Willow are subsidiaries of the Southern Ute Indian

Tribe Growth Fund. Primary horizontal drilling targets include the Cleveland, Marmaton, Cottage Grove and Tonkawa formations.

The Midstates board of directors has unanimously approved the transactions. The company will enter into a transition services agreement with Panther for a six-month period following transaction closing.

"Red Willow has been developing three major projects: the Anadarko Basin with Panther, the Delaware Basin of west Texas, and the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico with Houston Energy," said Bob Zahradnik, Growth Fund operating director. "All of these

projects have been successful and grown so much that we do not have enough capital available to continue to develop all three projects. The proceeds from the sale of the Anadarko properties will finance the complete development of our highly successful west Texas and gulf projects and ensure the success of Red Willow for at least the next 10 years."

As mandated by the Financial Plan and the Growth Fund Implementation Plan, some of the profits from the sale will be reinvested to build for the future and some will be distributed to the membership as dictated.



Southern Ute Youth Turkey Hunt

April 20-21, 2013

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is facilitating a Youth / Mentor Turkey Hunt on Tribal lands on the weekend of April 20th and 21st, 2013. Our goal is to educate and encourage Tribal Member youth about hunting and outdoor activities on the Reservation.



Requirements:

- ✓ 12 to 17 years old (after April 21st 1996 and before April 21st 2001)
- ✓ Passed Hunter Education
- ✓ Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

In addition, the Wildlife Division is interested in recruiting experienced adult Tribal Member turkey hunters to serve as mentors for the youth hunters.

Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130 for more information, to register, or volunteer.